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二十二世紀の地球に、百数十年もの間、子郎を待ちつづけた最強の敵がいた！　すべての能力が試される時がきたのだ。子郎の生きる意志が火となって燃えあがる！　衝撃の第八弾!!

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THE IRON DEMON

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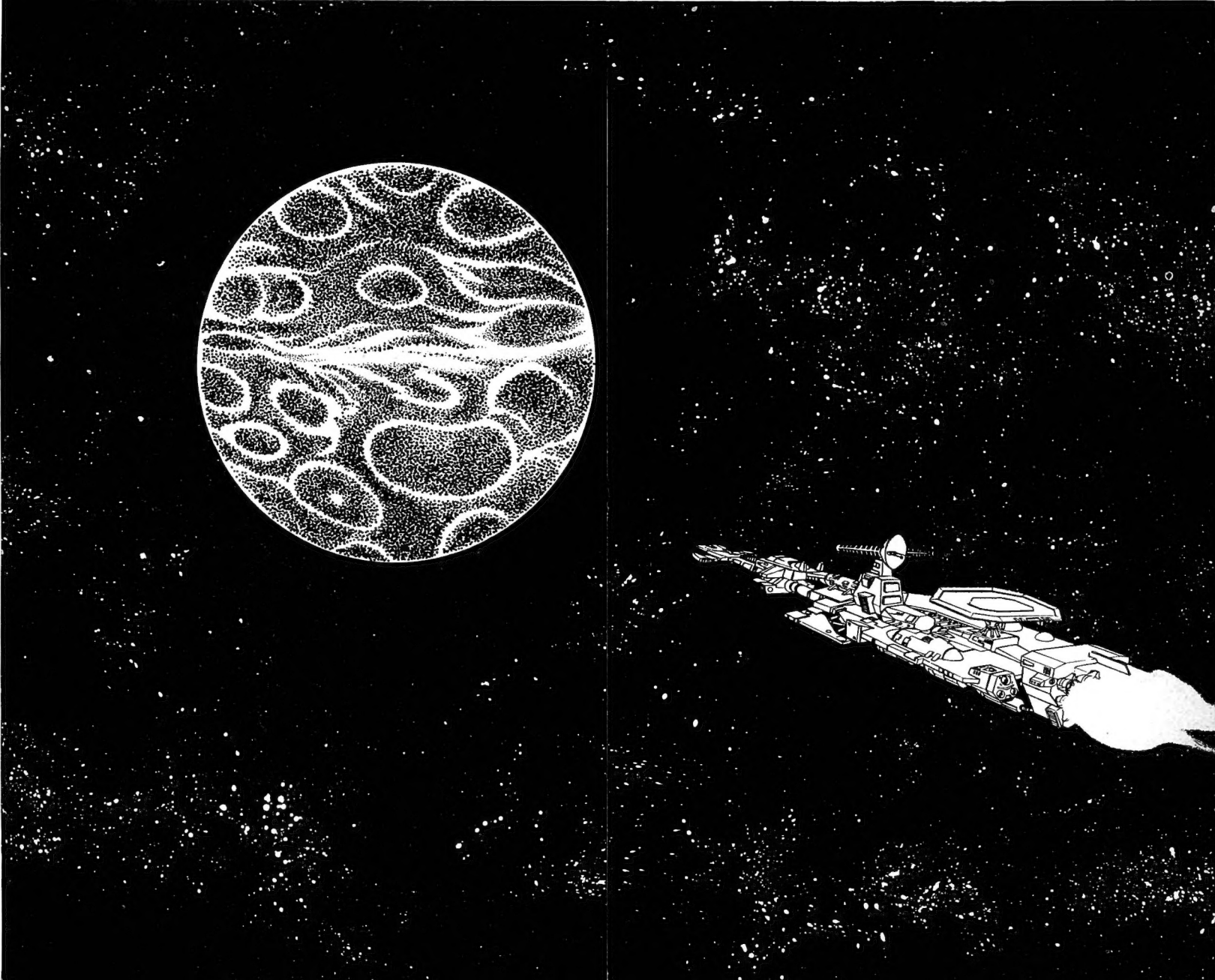
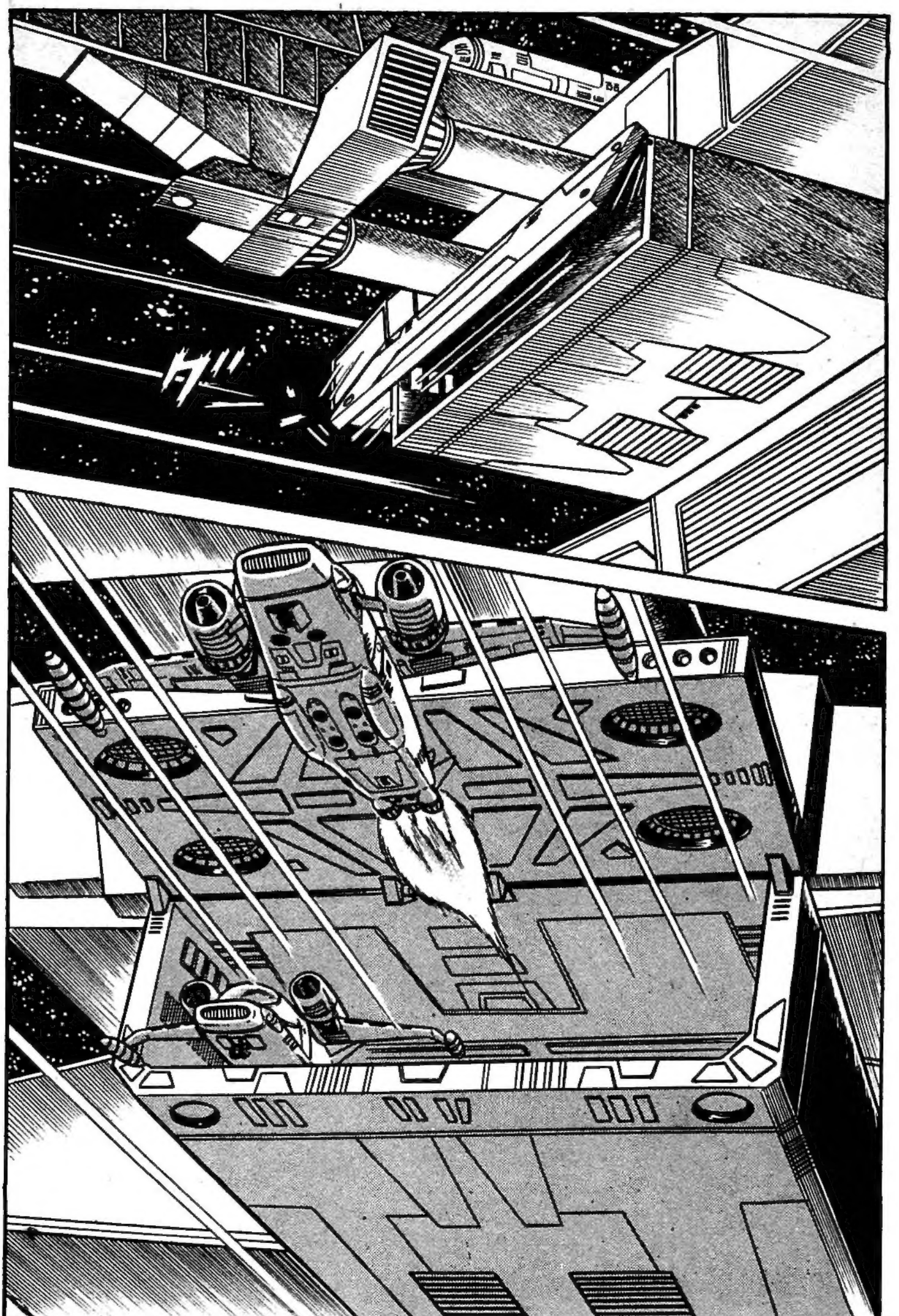
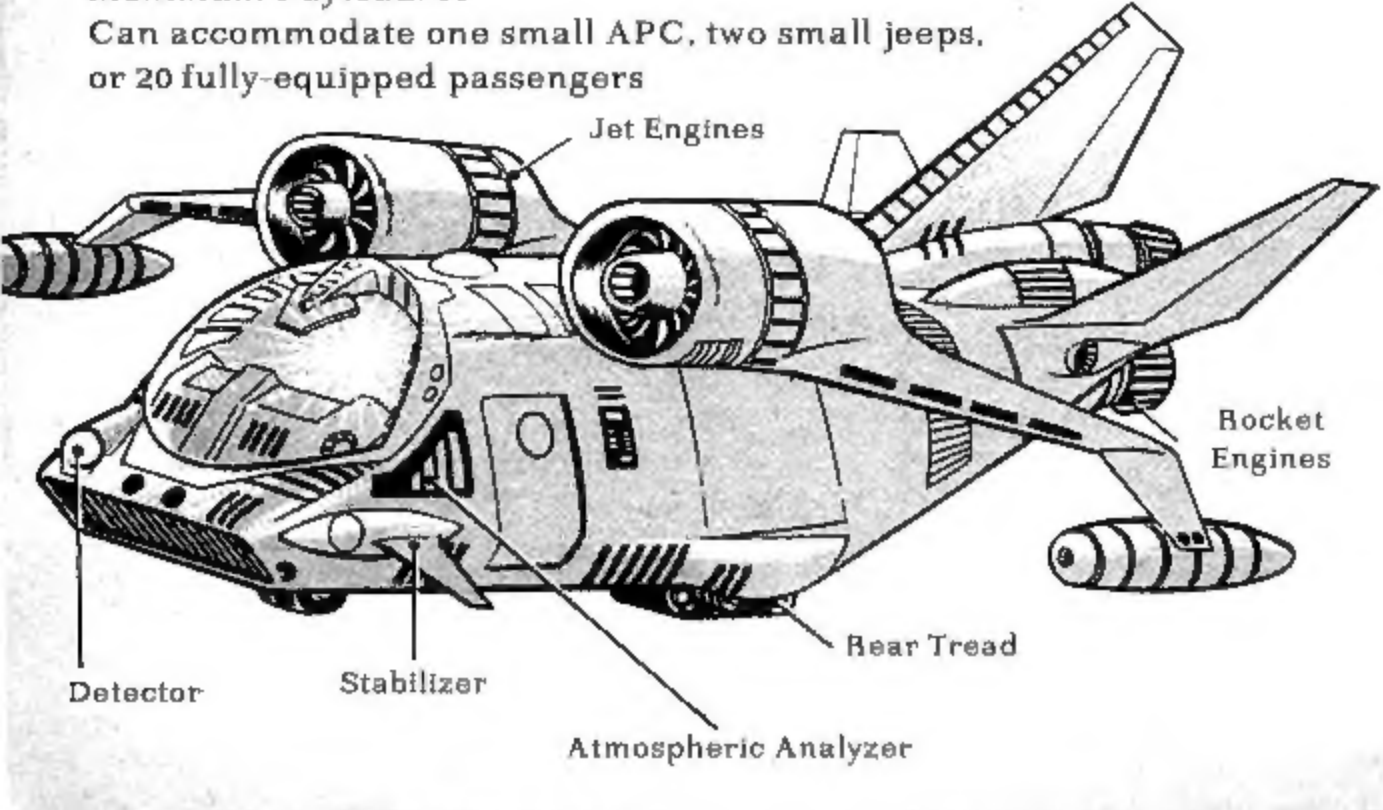


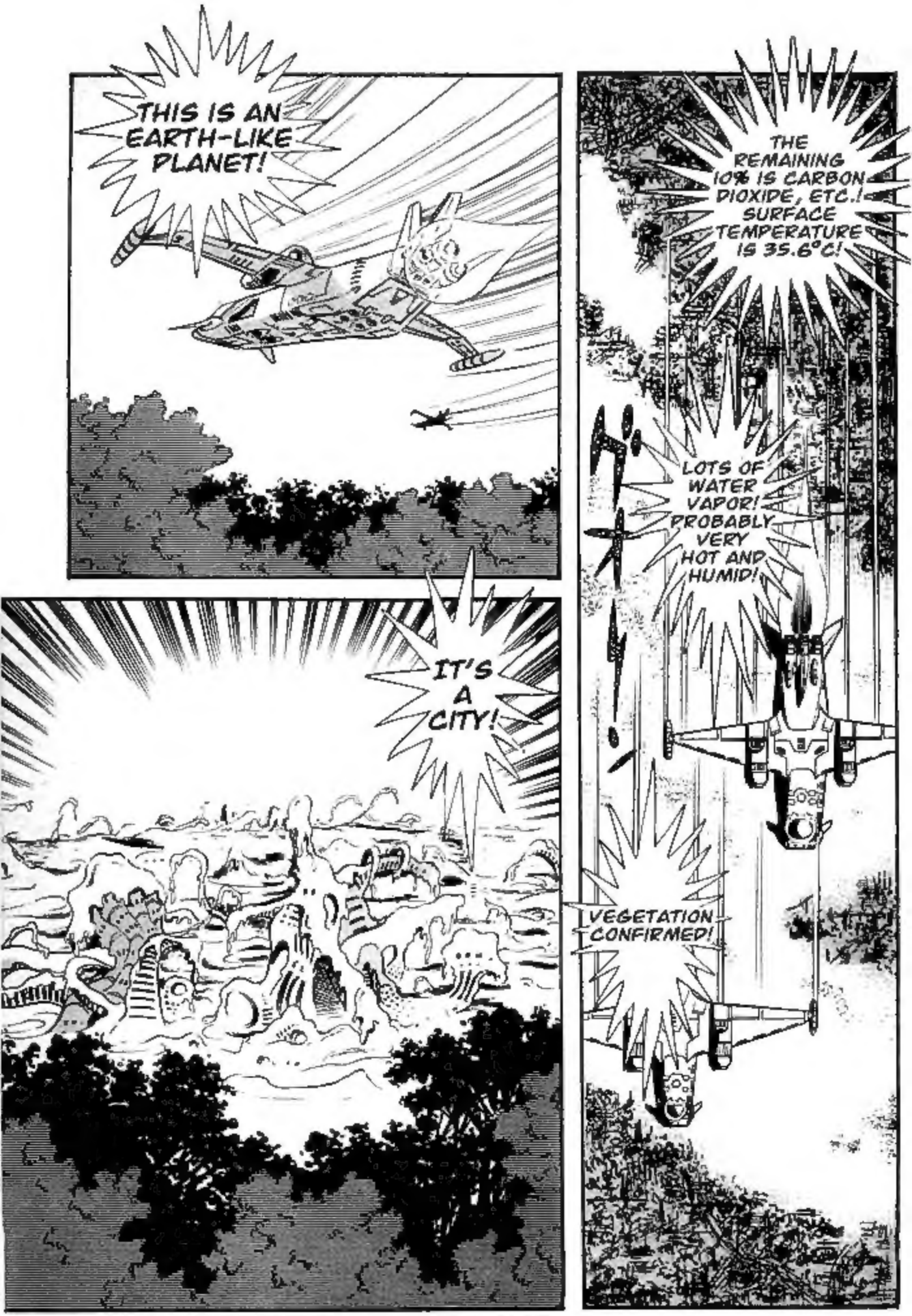


《VTOL Transport Craft》

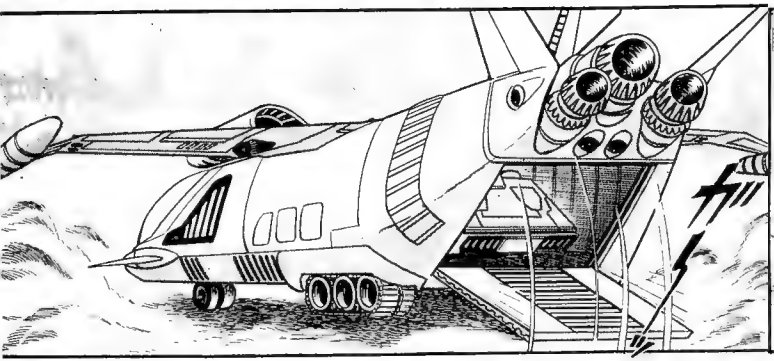
Length: 14.3m Wingspan: 17.4m Height: 5.2m
Maximum Speed in Atmosphere: 820km/h
Maximum Payload: 6t
Can accommodate one small APC, two small jeeps,
or 20 fully-equipped passengers

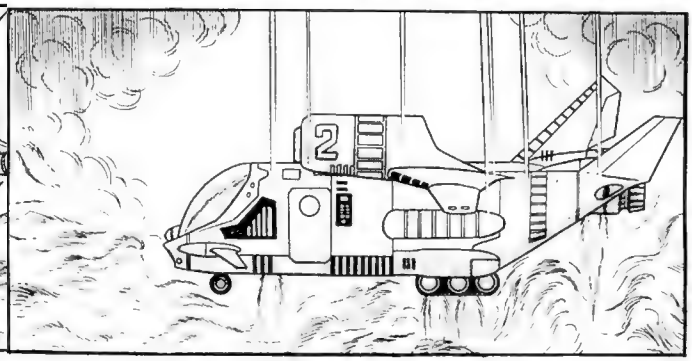


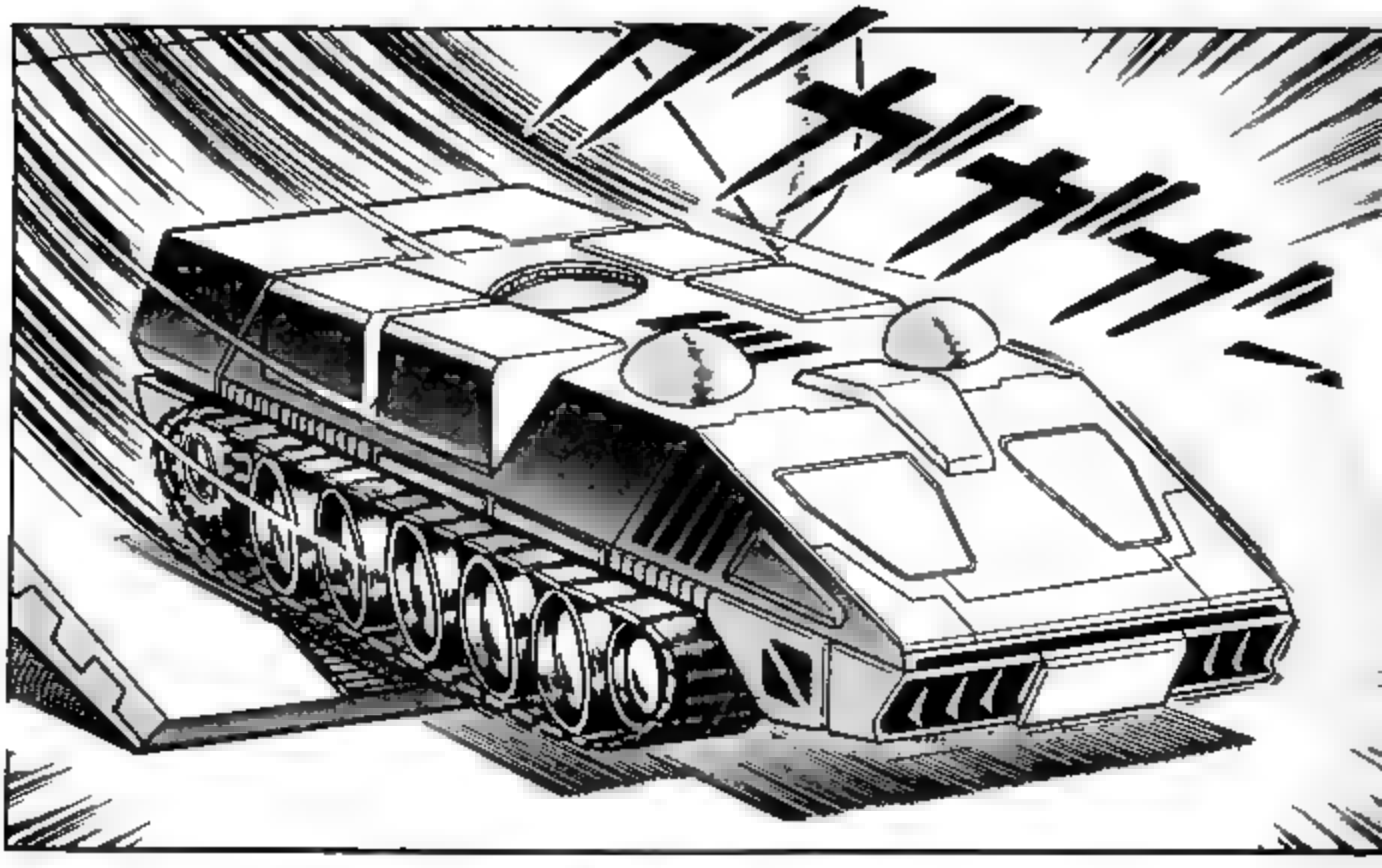
WE'VE ENTERED THE DEMON PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE! IT'S COMPOSED OF 60% NITROGEN, 30% OXYGEN!

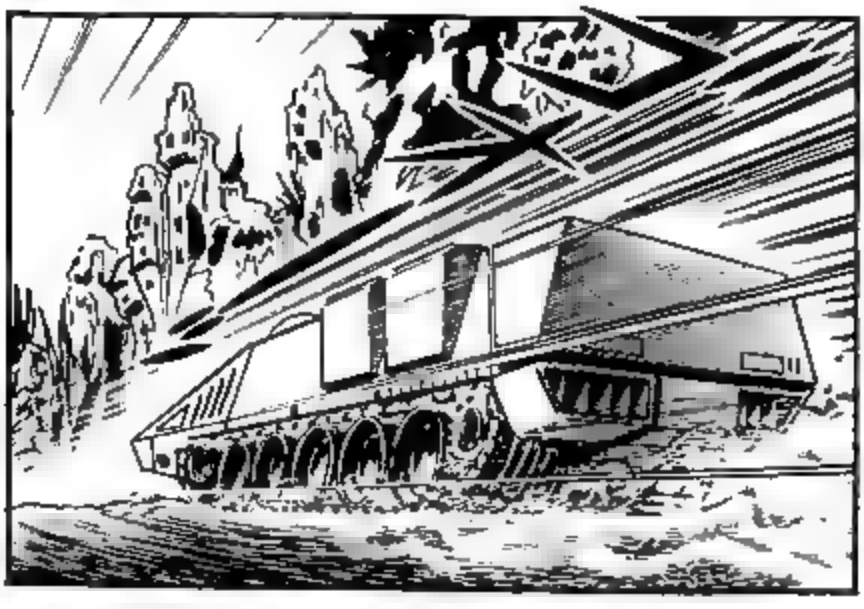

THIS IS AN EARTH-LIKE PLANET!
THE REMAINING 10% IS CARBON DIOXIDE, ETC.! SURFACE TEMPERATURE IS 35.6°C!
LOTS OF WATER VAPOR! PROBABLY VERY HOT AND HUMID!
IT'S A CITY!
VEGETATION CONFIRMED!

IT'S A CITY! BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED...





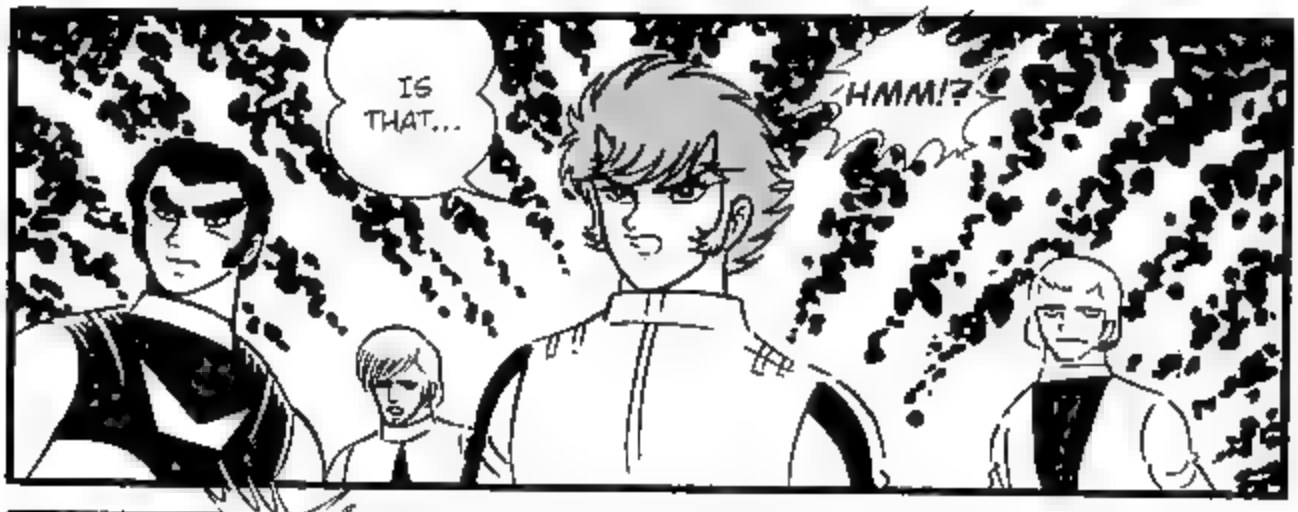


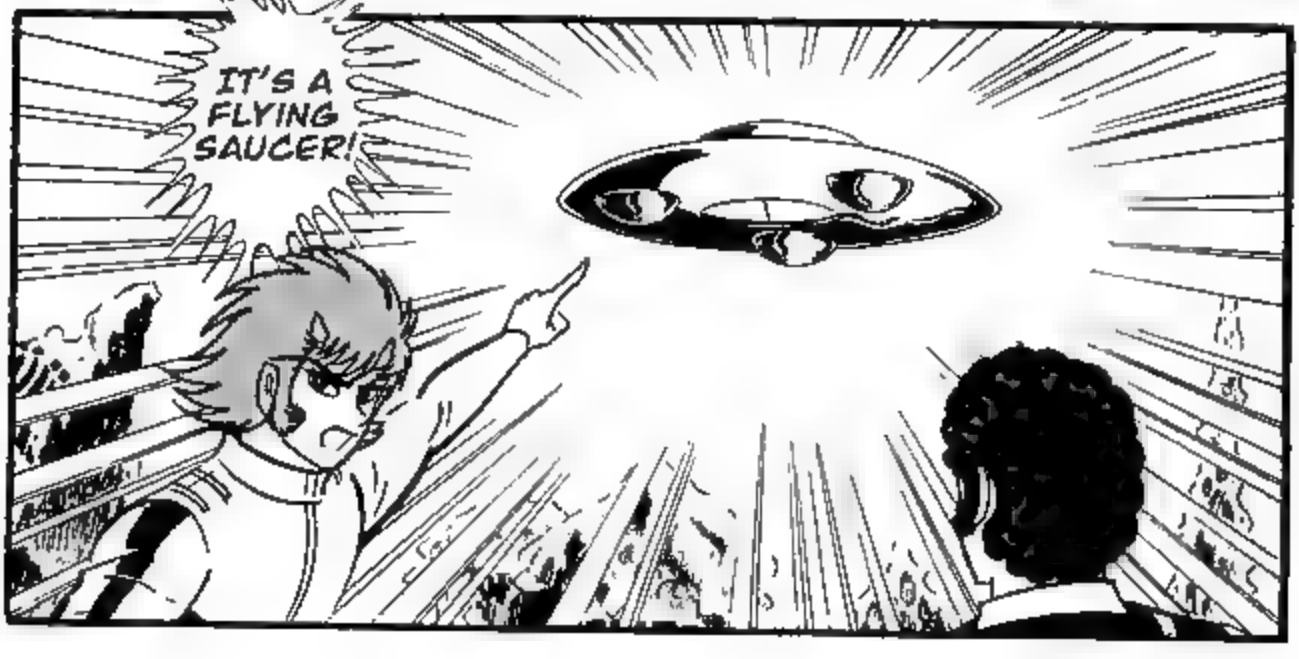


Exploratory Armored Car

Length 4.5m
Width 2m
Height 1.5m
Empty Weight 3.5t
Max Speed 85km/h
Standard Load 2 tons
Engine Type Nuclear fusion engine
Capacity 5 or 6

WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND A CLUE OF SOME SORT
THEN LET'S HOP OUT AND TAKE A WALK AROUND.
NO TRACE OF DANGEROUS MICROBES, EITHER. LOOKS LIKE IT'S SAFE TO GO OUT WITHOUT OUR SPACESUITS.


IS THAT...
HMM!?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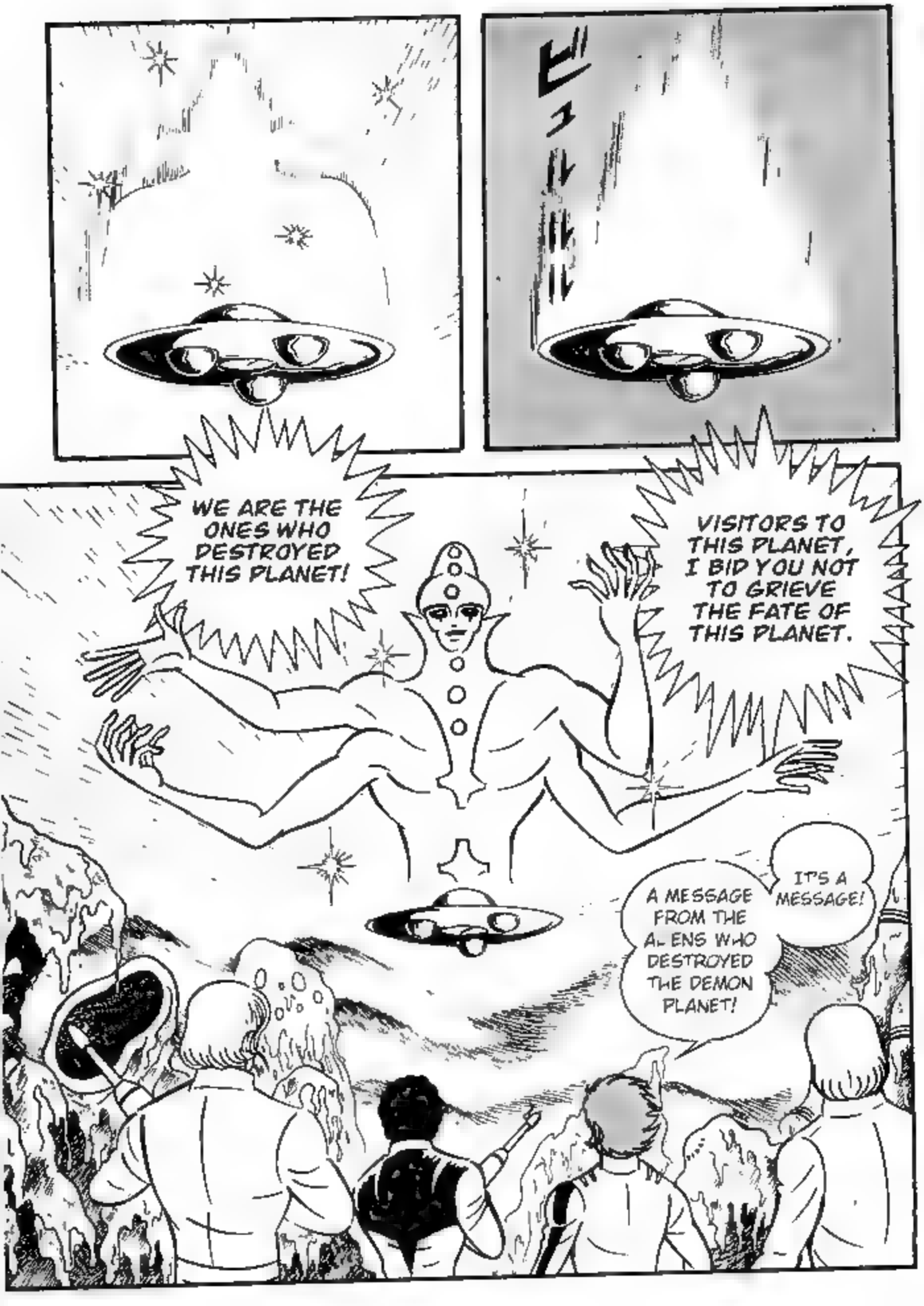
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WE ARE THE ONES WHO DESTROYED THIS PLANET!
VISITORS TO THIS PLANET, I BID YOU NOT TO GRIEVE THE FATE OF THIS PLANET.
IT'S A MESSAGE!
A MESSAGE FROM THE ALIENS WHO DESTROYED THE DEMON PLANET!

THE CIVILIZATION OF THIS PLANET WAS PURE EVIL: IT DEVELOPED IN BATTLE, AND WAS HONED IN SLAUGHTER.
THIS PLANET WAS DREADFUL. THE SENTIENT LIFEFORMS THAT INHABITED IT DEFIED THE WILL OF THE UNIVERSE.
WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED TO CONQUER OTHER PLANETS,
WE MADE THE DECISION TO DESTROY IT.
THE DESTRUC-TION OF THIS PLANET IS A BLESSING.
THEREFORE DO NOT GRIEVE IT, VISITORS TO THIS PLANET.

THIS PLANET HAD NO PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE TO BEGIN WITH.

THE ALPHARD SPENT THE NEXT TWO MONTHS STUDYING THE DEMON HOMEWORLD... BUT APART FROM THE DESTROYED CITY, THEY FOUND NO TRACES OF THE DEMON CIVILIZATION...

I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A SINGLE ANSWER.

WHAT DOES THIS PLANET HAVE TO DO WITH ME?
A DEMON PLANET THAT WAS DESTROYED FOR ITS EVIL. .

AHH
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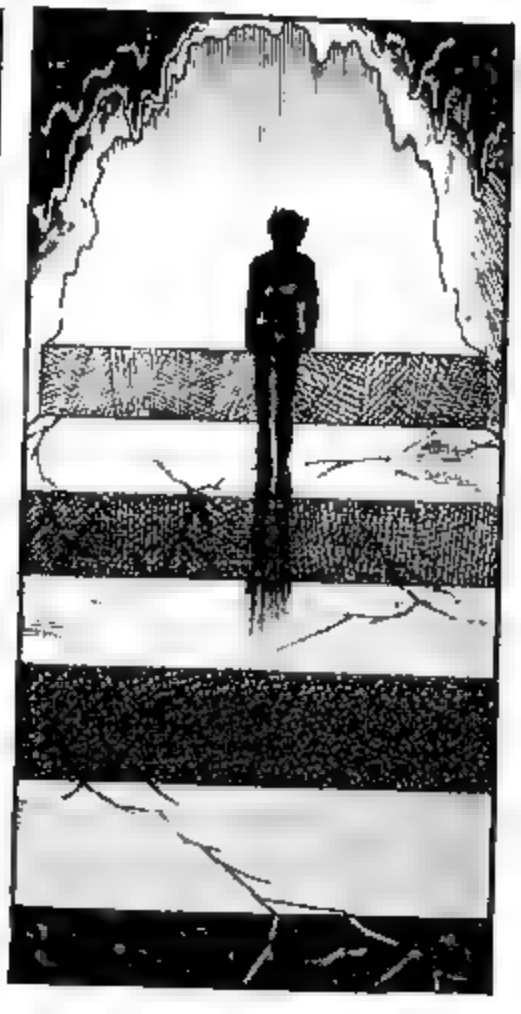
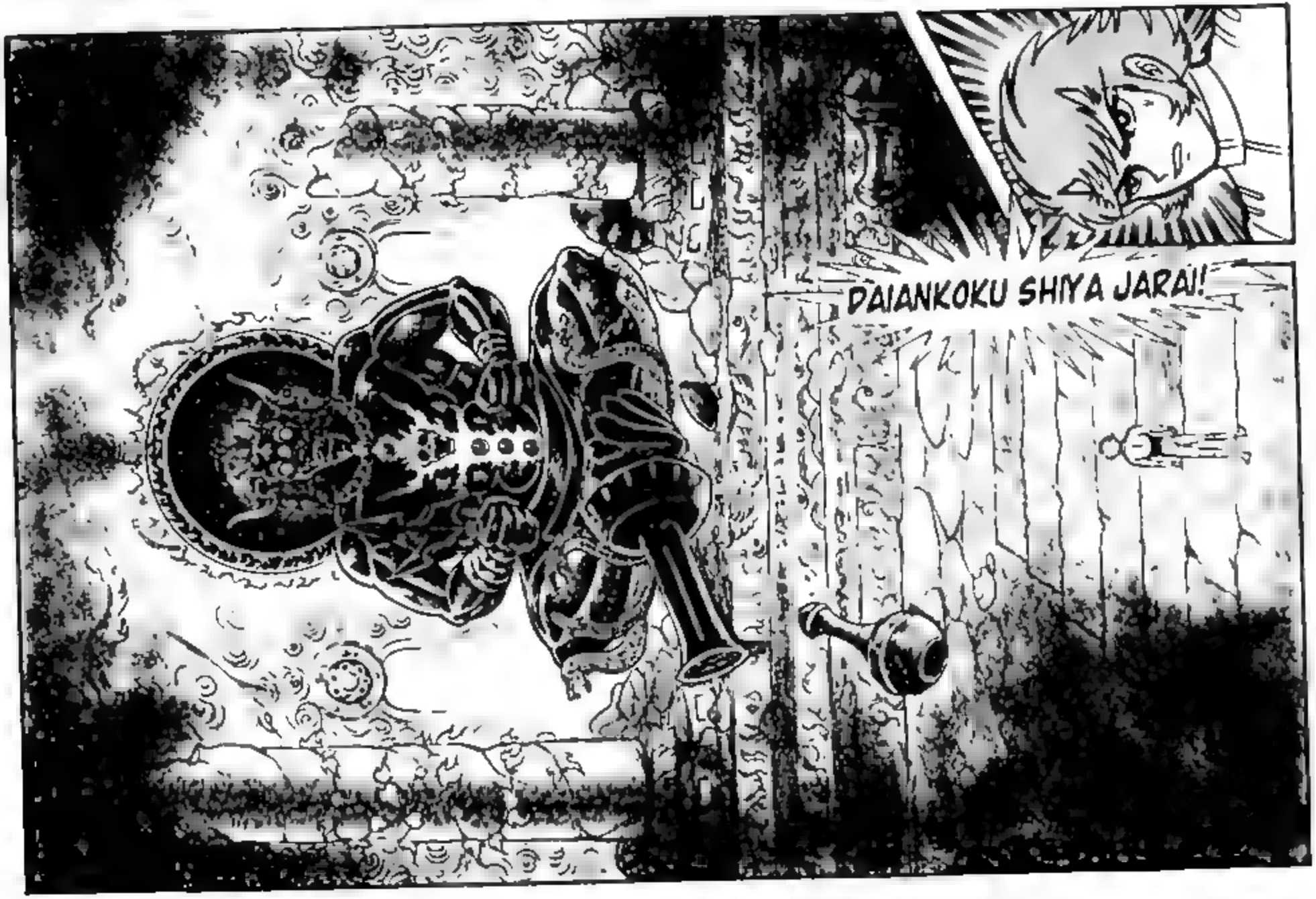
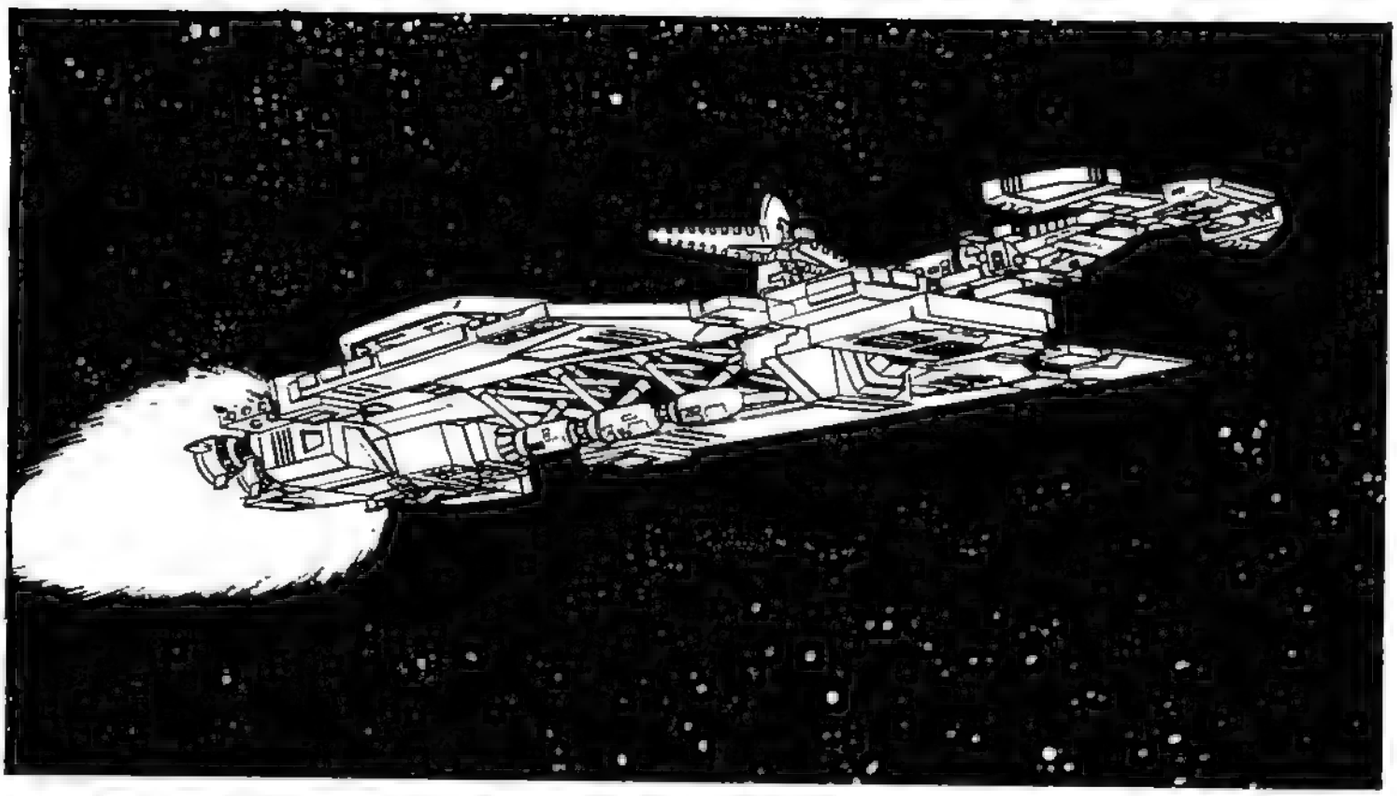
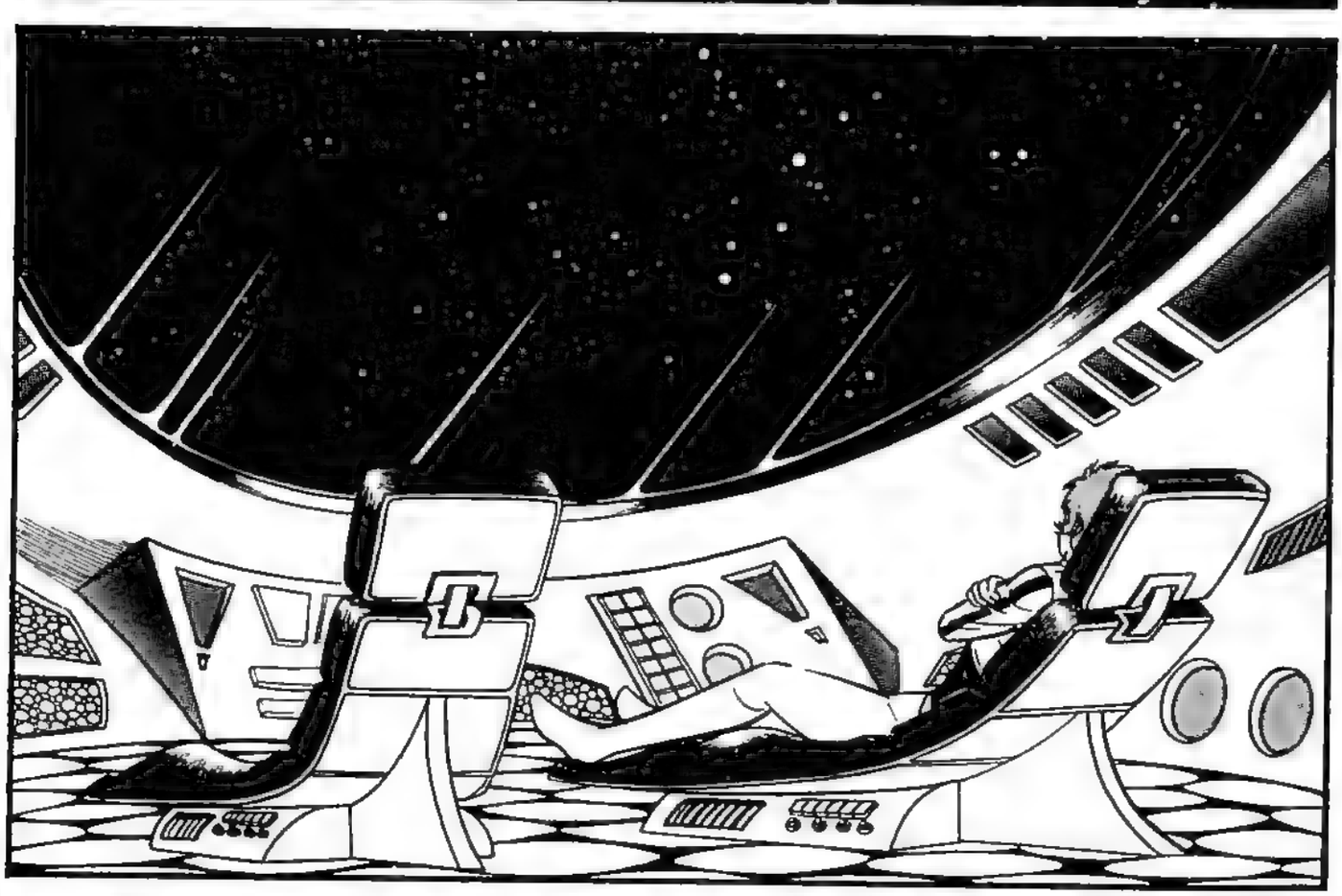


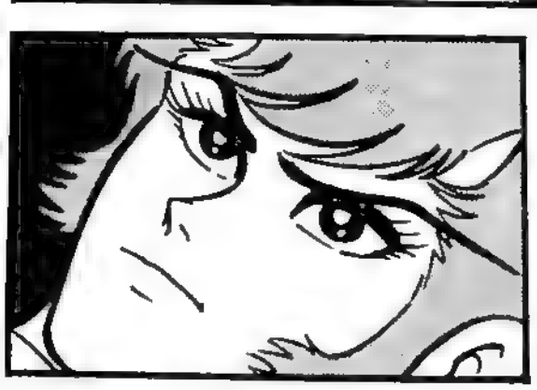

DAIANKOKU SHIYA JARAI!

!!
MOTHER!
I'VE ONLY SEEN THE STATUE OF JARAI FROM AFAR, SO I NEVER NOTICED...
THAT MY MOTHER'S FACE IS ON THE STATUE OF JARAI. BUT WHY?
WHY !?

JARAI IS A WICKED GOD WHO S THE SOURCE OF ALL EVIL, SIN, AND TREASON, WHO EXISTS TO ENTRAP THE WORLD...
NO, THE UNIVERSE, INTO THE REALM OF DARKNESS!
DOES THIS MEAN THAT MY MOTHER IS DAIANKOKU SHIYA JARAI!?
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
BUT... WHY?
WHY DOES THE STATUE OF JARAI HAVE MY MOTHER'S FACE!?







HOO
JIRO! DON'T LOSE!
SO WE HAVE TO FIGHT OUR WAY THROUGH THE DEMON REALM?
THEN HERE I GO! I'LL GET TO THE DEMON REALM, NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!!
YOU'D BETTER NOT LOSE!

SENKI! BEHIND YOU! YOU'RE GETTING SUCKED INTO THE THIRD-DIMENSIONAL WORLD!
AIEEEEEE!!
JIRO !!!
AIEEEEEE!
!?

COME, DOJI!! SENKI HAS FALLEN SOME-WHERE IN HISTORY!
WE CANNOT ALLOW OUR-SELVES TO BE SEPA-RATED!
MIYUKI !!!
MAKE HASTE, DOJI!
GOKI! WAIT FOR ME!
GOKI !!!

LET ME GUESS!
I KNOW!
SO, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THERE?
YEAH... BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHEN SHE ENDED UP...
THE ONE THAT ENDED UP IN ANOTHER TIME PERIOD?
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT THAT GIRL, RIGHT?
BUT I'D HAVE NO IDEA WHEN YOU ARE, EITHER.
I THINK I'D TRY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU.
THAT LEAVES ONLY ONE OPTION.
HMM.. WELL, IF I WERE HER...

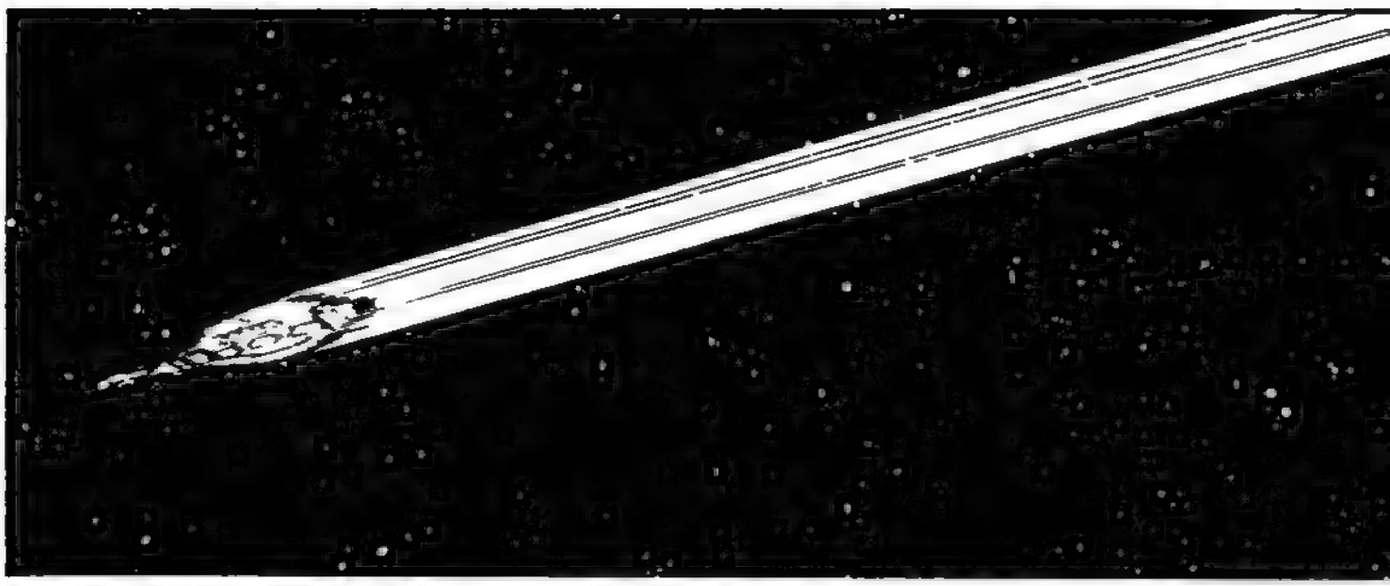
YOU SAID THAT SHE WAS WITH A DEMON, RIGHT?
LIKE CAUSING SOME KIND OF UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE.
IN THAT CASE...
BUT HOW . . .?
I'D TRY TO TELL YOU WHEN IN HISTORY I WAS.
THE LEGEND OF SHUTEN-DOJI OF MT. OE!?
YOU MEAN . . .
MY NAME ?
I'D USE THAT DEMON TO START SOME INCIDENT.
USING YOUR NAME, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
SO THAT DEMON MIGHT HAVE ACTUALLY SPELLED ITS OWN NAME LIKE YOU DO.
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW IT'S SPELT, SINCE THE DEMON HIMSELF SAID HIS NAME ORALLY.
THERE ARE AT LEAST THREE DISTINCT SPELLINGS OF THE NAME "SHUTENDOJI". SOME WRITE IT AS "WINE DRINKER", SOME AS "WINE SUMMIT", AND OTHERS AS "HEAVEN DESERTER"
WHOEVER HEARD THE NAME PROBABLY SPELLED IT THEIR OWN WAY.

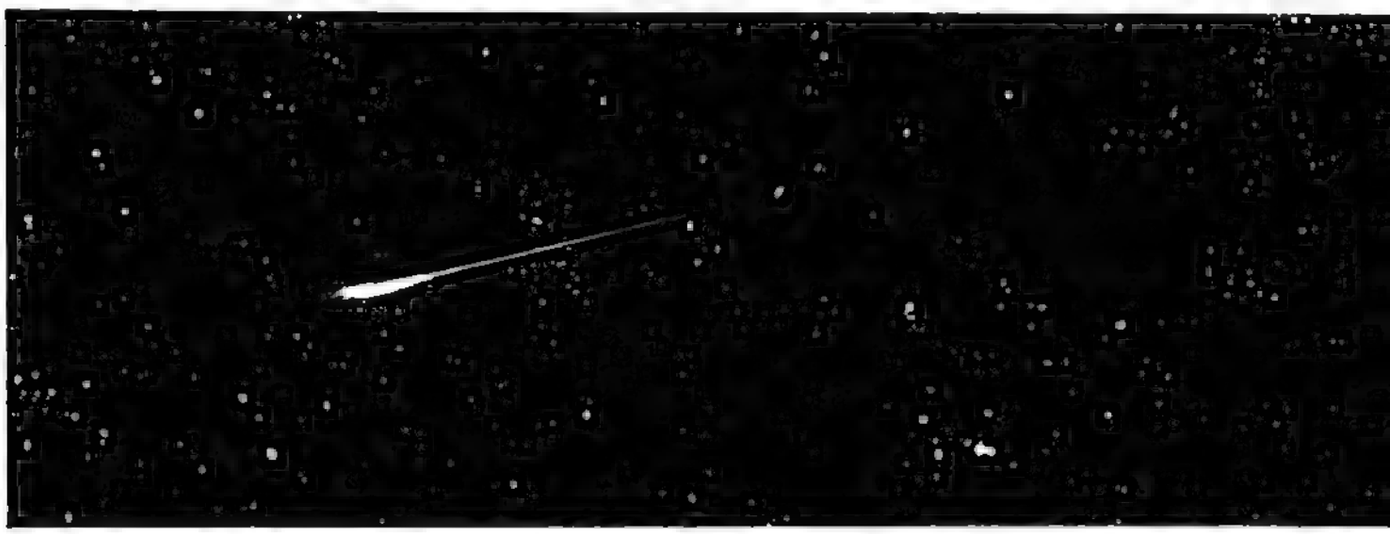
I NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED THAT, BECAUSE I WAS NAMED AFTER THAT SHUTENDOJ TO BEGIN WITH.
BUT THAT'S ENTIRELY POSSIBLE!
SO THE DEMON OF MT. OE'S NAME MIGHT ACTUALLY BE THE SAME AS MINE...
MAYBE THEY PICKED THE CHARACTERS FOR "WINE DRINKER" BECAUSE HE'S A RED-FACED DEMON!
LIKE I SAID, THEY PROBABLY JUST WROTE DOWN HIS NAME PHONETICALLY WITH ANY CHARACTERS THAT FIT
BUT THE ONLY TIME PERIOD WITH SO MANY DEMON NARRATIVES IS THE HEIAN PERIOD
GRANTED, THESE WERE SUCH BIZARRE AND OUTLANDISH INCIDENTS THAT YOU WON'T SEE ANYTHING ABOUT THIS IN HISTORY BOOKS.
BESIDES, THERE AREN'T ALL THAT MANY TIME PERIODS IN WHICH DEMONS RAN RAMPANT.
THE HERO OF THAT STORY IS ONE OF THE FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS THAT JOINED MINAMOTO-NO-YORIMITSU IN HIS QUEST TO SLAY SHUTENDOJI, WATANABE-NO-TSUNA.
BEFORE THE INCIDENT OF MT. OE, THERE WAS THE TALE OF THE DEMON OF RASHOMON.

HEARING A RUMOR THAT A DEMON APPEARED AT RASHOMON NIGHT AFTER NIGHT,
TSUNA WENT OUT, ONLY TO FIND A YOUNG GIRL STANDING BY THE GATE.
THE GIRL TOLD HIM SHE WAS LOST, BUT JUST AS HE WAS ABOUT TO ESCORT HER HOME, HE NOTICED THAT THE GIRL'S SHADOW WAS THAT OF A DEMON!
THAT'S GOKI!!
GOKI'S ACTING AS MIYUKI'S BARRIER!
AS WATANABE-NO-TSUNA SLASHED AT THE GIRL, SHE TRANSFORMED INTO A DEMON AND LEAPT UPON HIM.
BUT TSUNA CUT OFF ITS ARM AND TOOK IT HOME.
THEN ONE NIGHT, THE DEMON TRANSFORMED INTO TSUNA'S MOTHER TO RECLAIM ITS LOST ARM.
THAT'S THE TALE OF THE DEMON OF RASHOMON.
AND THAT DEMON WAS NAMED IBARAG DOJI, A RETAINER OF SHUTENDOJ.

EVEN IF I KNOW THAT, I DON'T HAVE ANY WAY TO GET THERE...
THE HEIAN PERIOD?
THERE'S THE HYPERSPACE DIMENSION THAT'S CONNECTED TO THE DEMON REALM AND EVERY POINT IN HISTORY,
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO GET THERE.
I TRIED A THOUSAND TIMES WHILE I WAS FLOATING THROUGH SPACE, BUT I NEVER SUCCEEDED ONCE.

IS THAT TRUE, PROFESSOR?
WHAT!?
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THERE WAS A WAY TO GET THERE...?
NOT FOR AN ORD NARY HUMAN.
...
BUT YOU MIGHT JUST BE ABLE TO TRAVEL THROUGH TIME.





AUUUUUUGH!
GUUUUUUGH!
THE DEMONS DRAWN ON THE WALL ARE CRYING OUT
THE DEMONS ARE CRYING
PHEW ...

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ARE IN SUCH GREAT PAIN.
THOSE DEMONS ..

I MUST DO SOME-THING

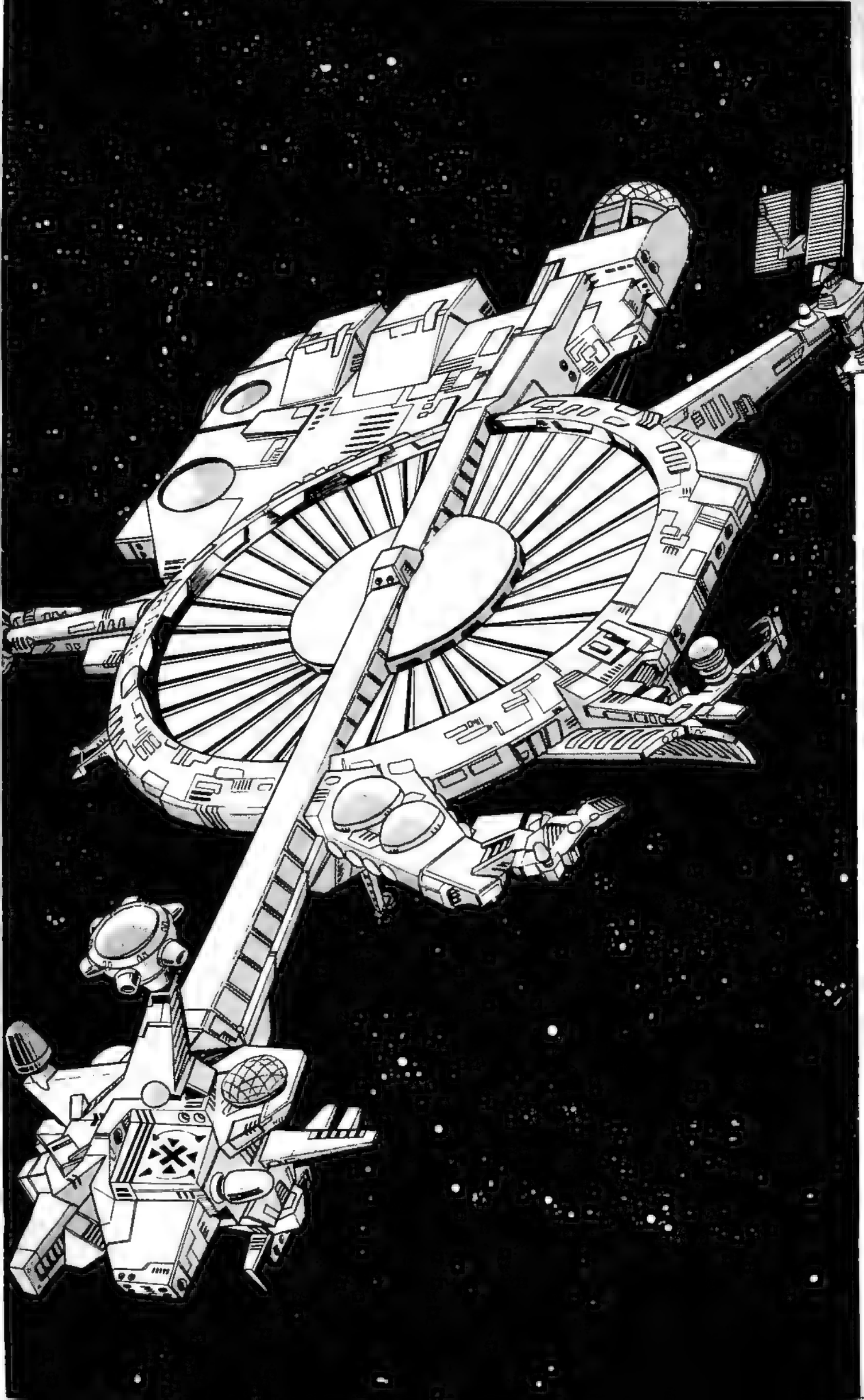
I HAVE TO GIVE KYOKO SOMETHING TO PAINT THAT'LL TAKE HER MIND OFF DEMONS.
I CAN'T LET HER KEEP ON PAINTING THOSE DEMONS.
BUT WHAT?

HAS MY WIFE SHOWN ANY IMPROVE-MENTS?
I'M AFRAID NOT.
SHE'S STILL PAINTING AND SPOUTING CURSES.
AND WHEN SHE'S NOT DOING THAT,
THERE'S JUST SOMETHING BLOOD-CURDLING
ABOUT YOUR WIFE.
SHE CLOSES THE BLINDS AND STANDS IN FRONT OF THE PAINTING, ALL WHILE MUTTERING SOMETHING.
EVEN I'M BEGINNING TO FEAR FOR HER.
YOU SUGGESTED PAINTING SOMETHING ELSE TO DISTRACT HER.
I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD IDEA.

JIRO
YOUR MOTHER IS HERE
JIRO COME COME TO ME
COME TO ME JIRO
COME TO ME, JIRO

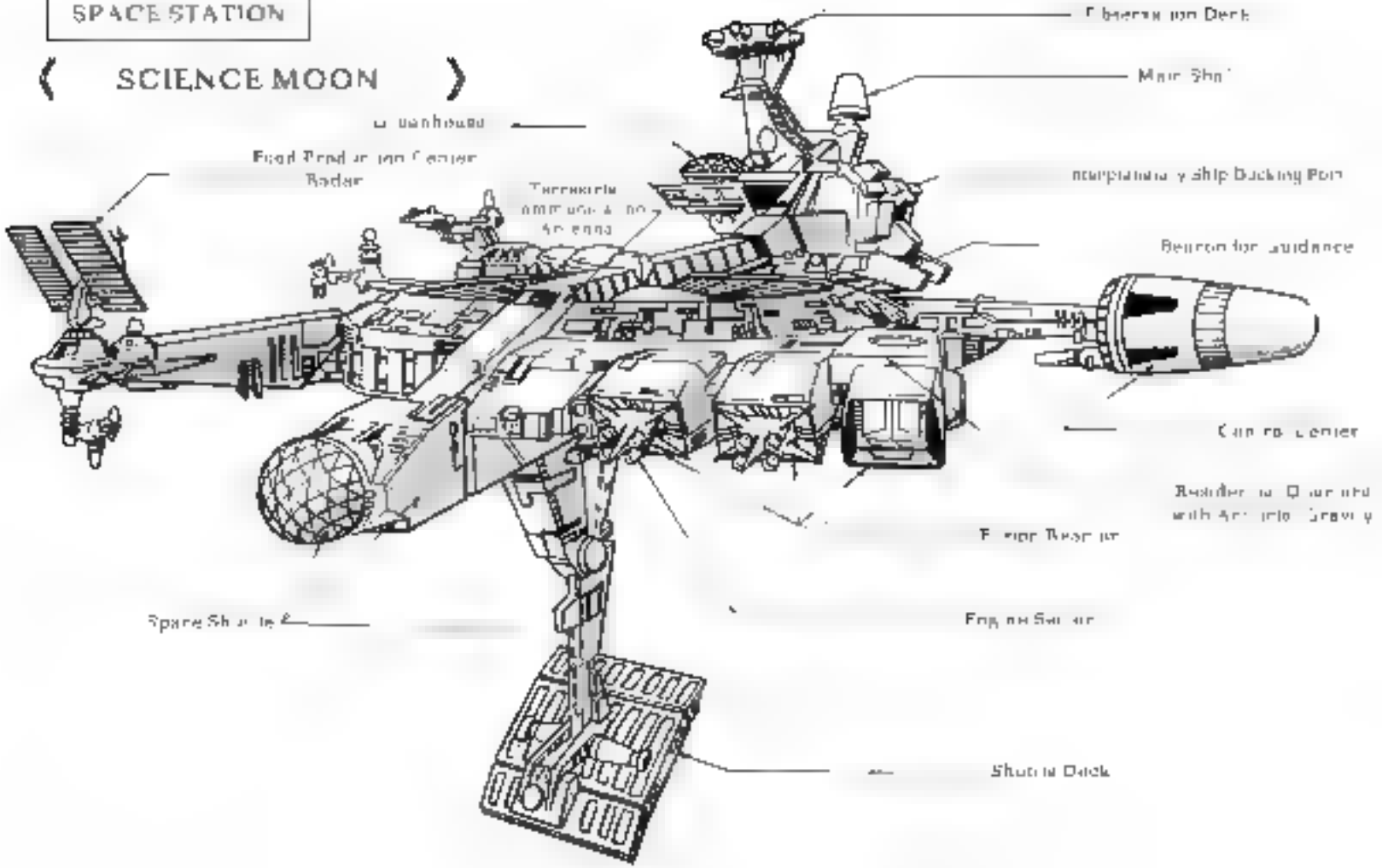
HERE I AM, JIRO.
HERE I AM, JIRO
COME TO ME, JIRO

THE ALPHARD RETURNED TO EARTH AFTER ITS FIVE-YEAR RESEARCH VOYAGE IN OUTER SPACE
IN OCTOBER OF 2105.

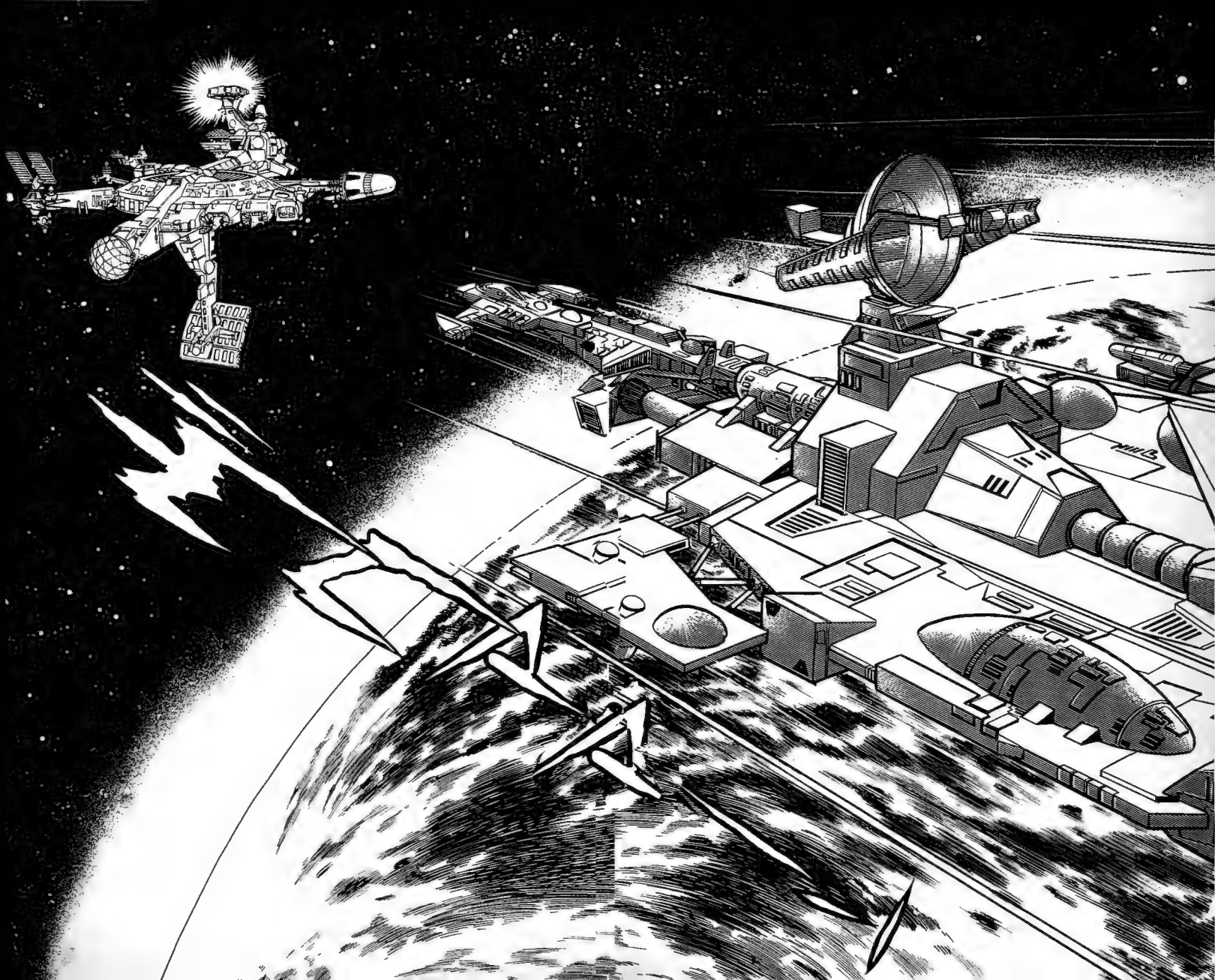


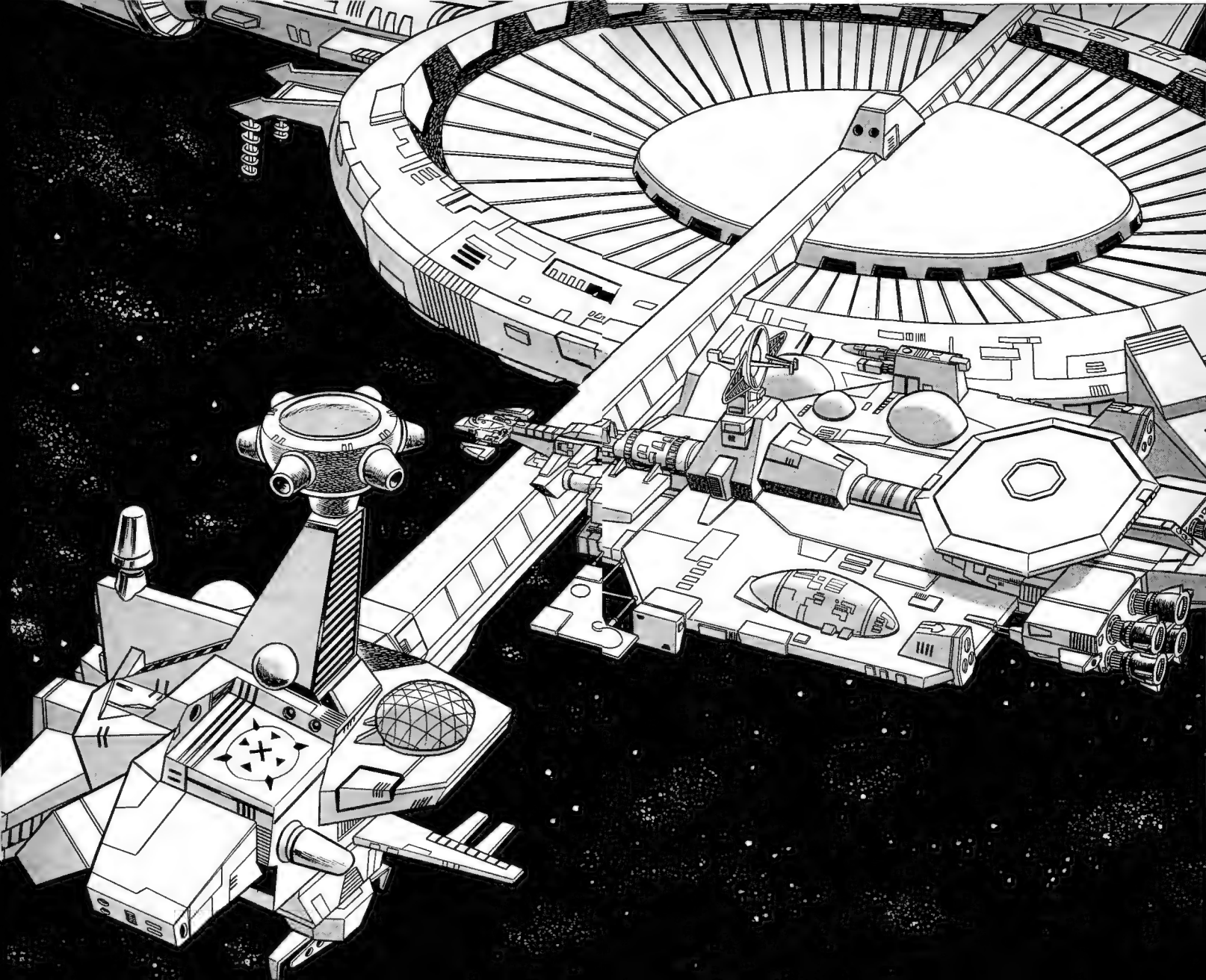
SPACE STATION

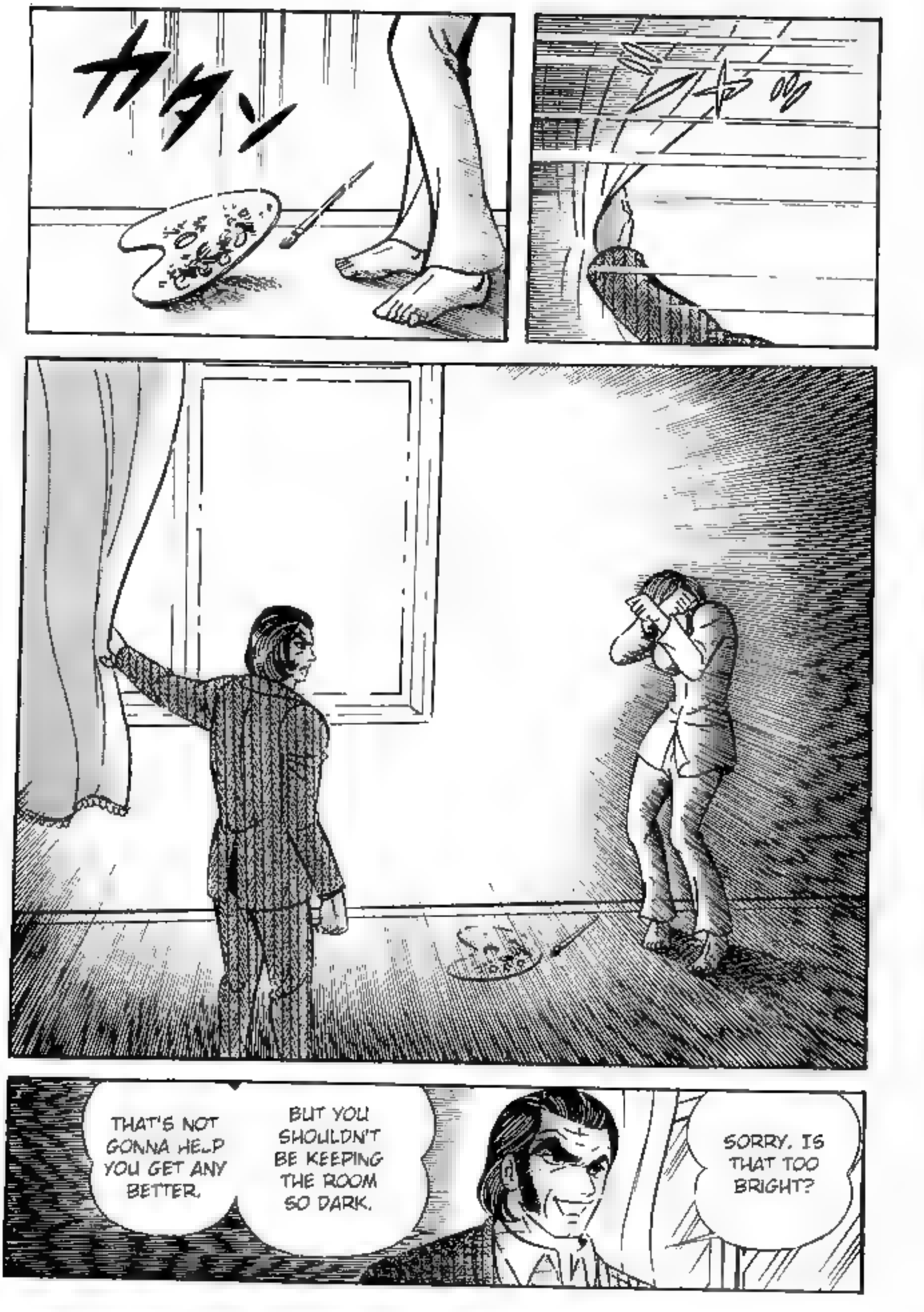
SCIENCE MOON



WE WILL BE ARRIVING AT THE STATION IN AN HOUR. REQUESTING PERMISSION TO DOCK.
SPACE STATION SCIENCE MOON, THIS IS THE ALPHARD.
EXPLORATION SHIP ALPHARD IS CLEARED FOR DOCKING!
THIS IS THE SCIENCE MOON. ARRIVAL SYSTEM COMPLETE.



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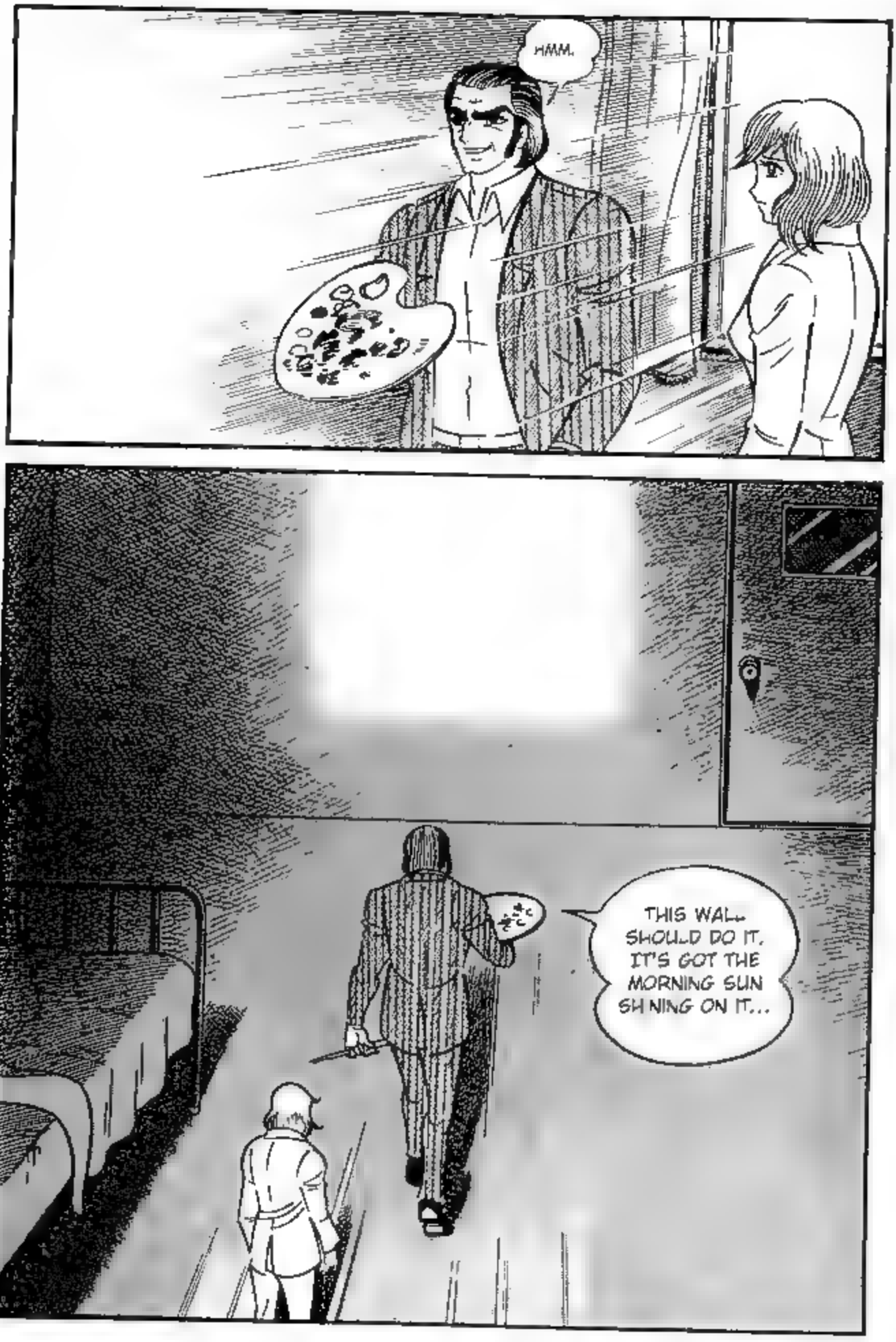
THAT'S NOT GONNA HELP YOU GET ANY BETTER.
BUT YOU SHOULDN'T BE KEEPING THE ROOM SO DARK.
SORRY. IS THAT TOO BRIGHT?

HERE, WHY DON'T I PAINT SOMETHING MYSELF?
AND IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOUR EYES, EITHER.
JUST TAKE A LITTLE REST AND WATCH.
WE ALWAYS USED TO PAINT TOGETHER, DIDN'T WE?
AHHH...
WHERE SHOULD I PAINT?
THAT WALL'S COVERED IN PAINTINGS OF DEMONS!
NOW...

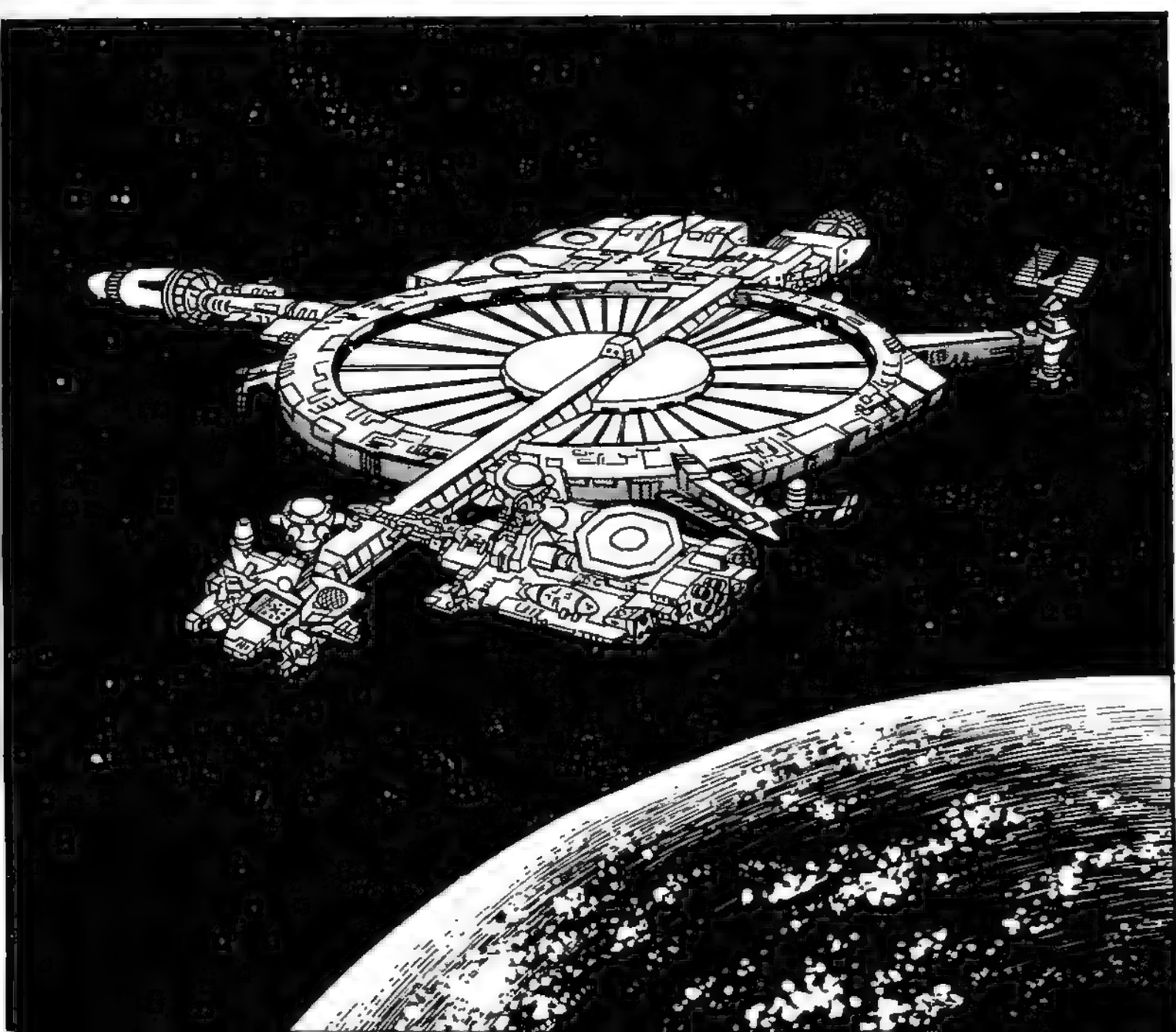

HMM.
THIS WAL.. SHOULD DO IT. IT'S GOT THE MORNING SUN SHINING ON IT...

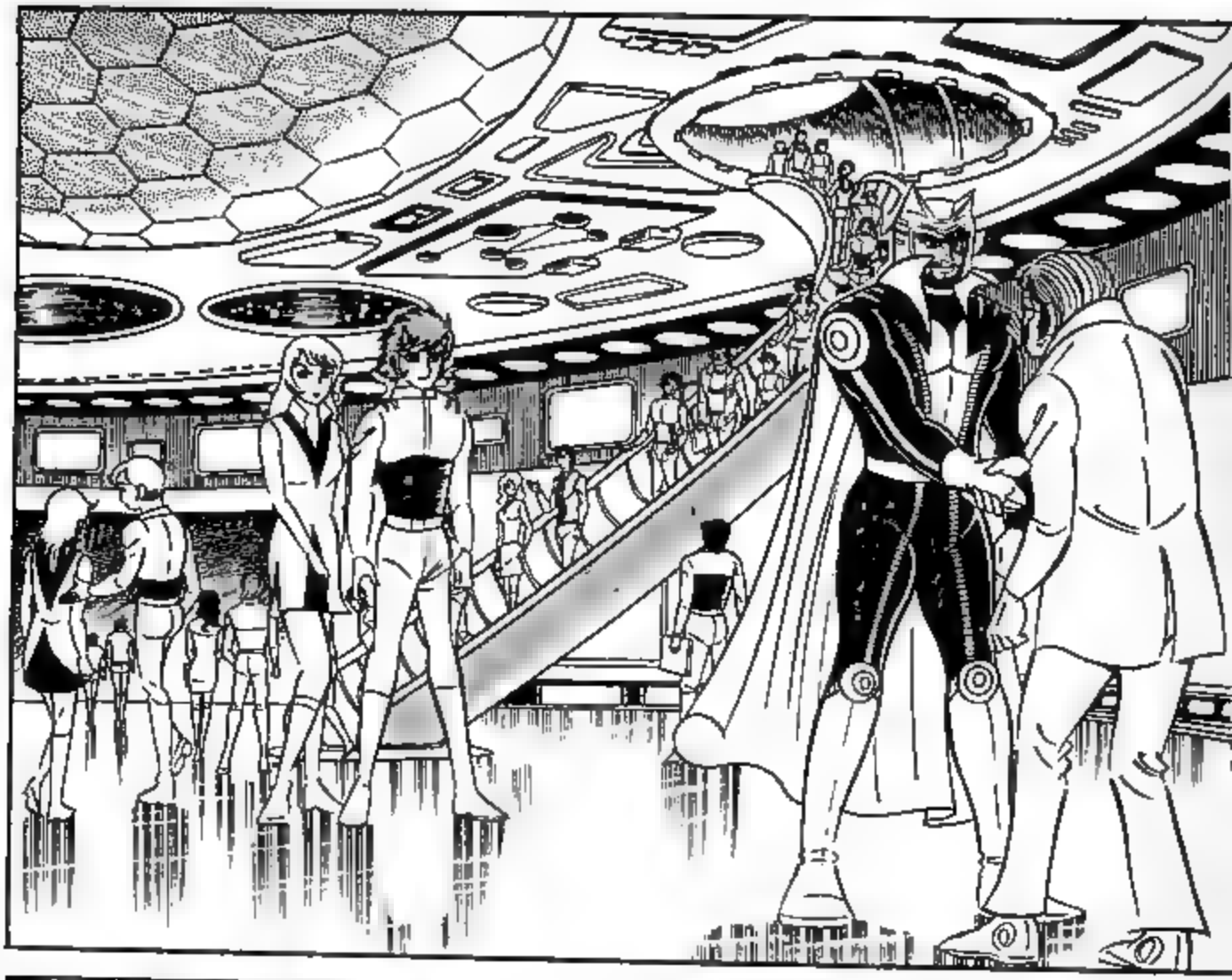
WHAT A MELANCHOLY TUNE.
OH! GOKI! HOW WERE THINGS IN KYOTO?

THE PEOPLE OF KYOTO ARE TERRIFIED.
NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THEM HAS YET TO HEAR THE NAME OF SHUTENDOJI OF MT. OE.
SO IT'LL GO DOWN IN HISTORY?
PEOPLE WILL WRITE ABOUT HIM.. AND PAINT PICTURES OF HIM..?
MOST LIKELY, YES.
MANY HAVE SEEN SENKI'S TERRIFYING VISAGE.
GOOD! I JUST HOPE JIRO WILL NOTICE.
THERE IS ONE THING THAT CONCERNS ME.
YES ...?

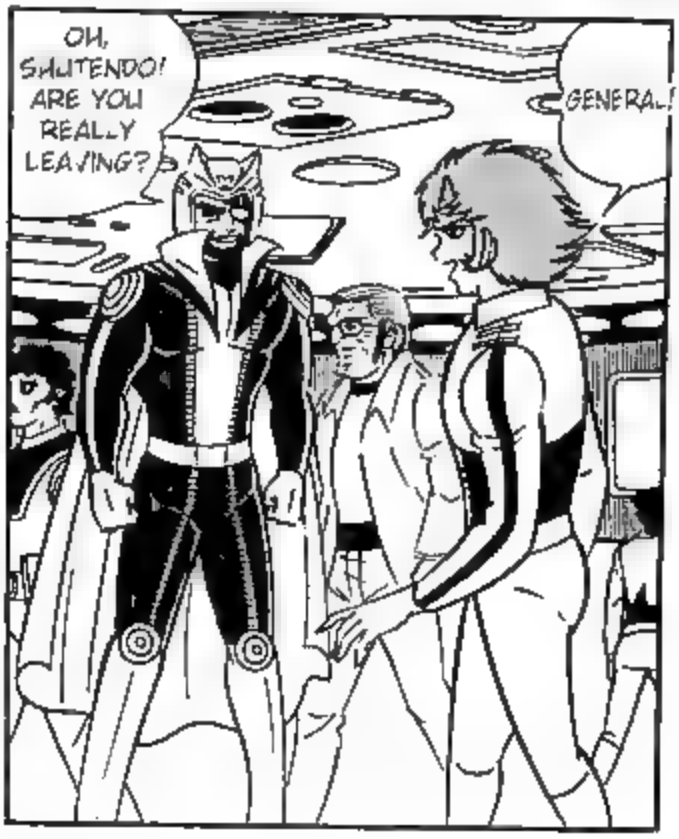
OUR GOAL WAS SIMPLY TO SHOW OUR DEMON FORMS, IN ORDER TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THERE ARE DEMONS IN THIS TIME.
BUT THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN SENKI FEAR HIM TOO MUCH.
SENKI IS DOING NO MORE THAN RUNNING ABOUT,
YET THEY BELIEVE HE IS COMMITTING FOUL DEEDS.
THEY CALL HIM A THIEF, A KIDNAPPER, A MURDERER...
THEY ARE USING HIM AS A SCAPEGOAT FOR EVERY-THING
AT THIS POINT, THEY BELIEVE THAT SHUTENDOJI OF MOUNT OE
IS KIND OF A LEADER OF A BAND OF THIEVES, WITH A MYRIAD OF DEMONS AT HIS COMMAND.
I SEE . . .

AND YET HAD WE NOT, IT WOULD NOT HAVE GONE DOWN IN HISTORY.
WE MIGHT'VE FRIGHTENED THEM TOO MUCH BY MAKING THE FUSS SO BIG
BUT WE CAN'T HELP THAT..
YES THEY'LL COME TO KILL HIM.
WHAT CONCERNS ME IS THAT AS THE RUMORS OF HIM GROW,
THEY WILL FORM A PUNITIVE FORCE.
THAT IS NOT THE ISSUE
I DON'T WANT TO HAVE TO FIGHT THE PEOPLE OF THIS TIME
I JUST HOPE THAT JIRO COMES FOR US BEFORE THEN...



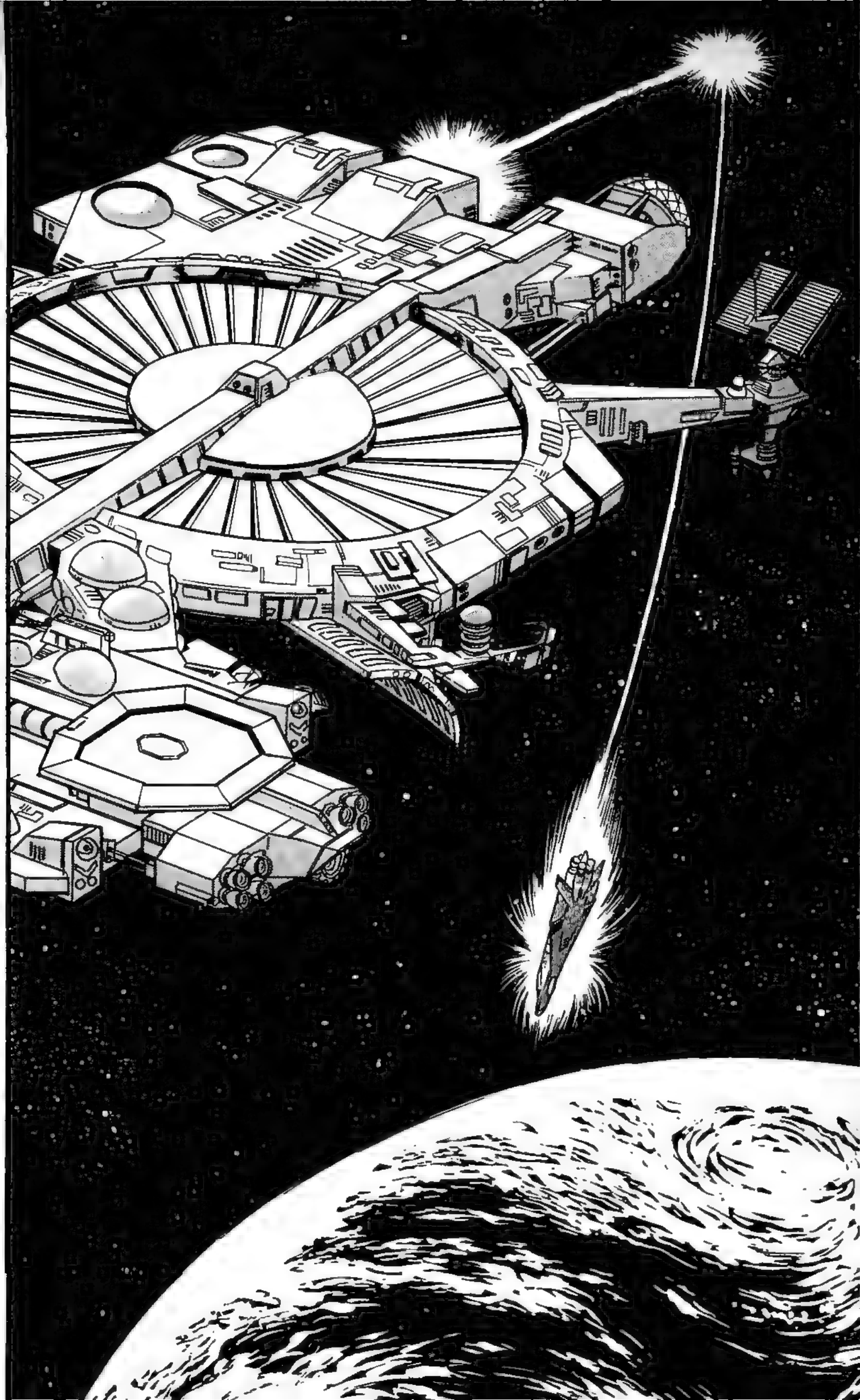


THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR EVERY-THING!
YES, SIR. I'LL BE LEAVING FOR EARTH AHEAD OF YOU.


OH, SHUTENDO! ARE YOU REALLY LEAVING?
GENERAL!

YES. TAKE CARE... I DON'T THINK WE WILL EVER MEET AGAIN.

I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT, BUT DO BE CAREFUL.
THE HEAD SCIENTIST TOLD ME THAT YOU'RE TAKING PART IN A DANGEROUS TIME-TRAVEL EXPERIMENT.
I WILL IF I DO MANAGE TO TRAVEL TO ANOTHER TIME SAFELY, I'LL NEVER FORGET ABOUT ALL OF YOU ON THE ALPHARD
SHUTENDO, THE SPACE SHUTTLE IS ABOUT TO LEAVE ANY MINUTE. LET'S GO.
GOODBYE, GENERAL KOSUMI.
OH, RIGHT!



A...
AHHH
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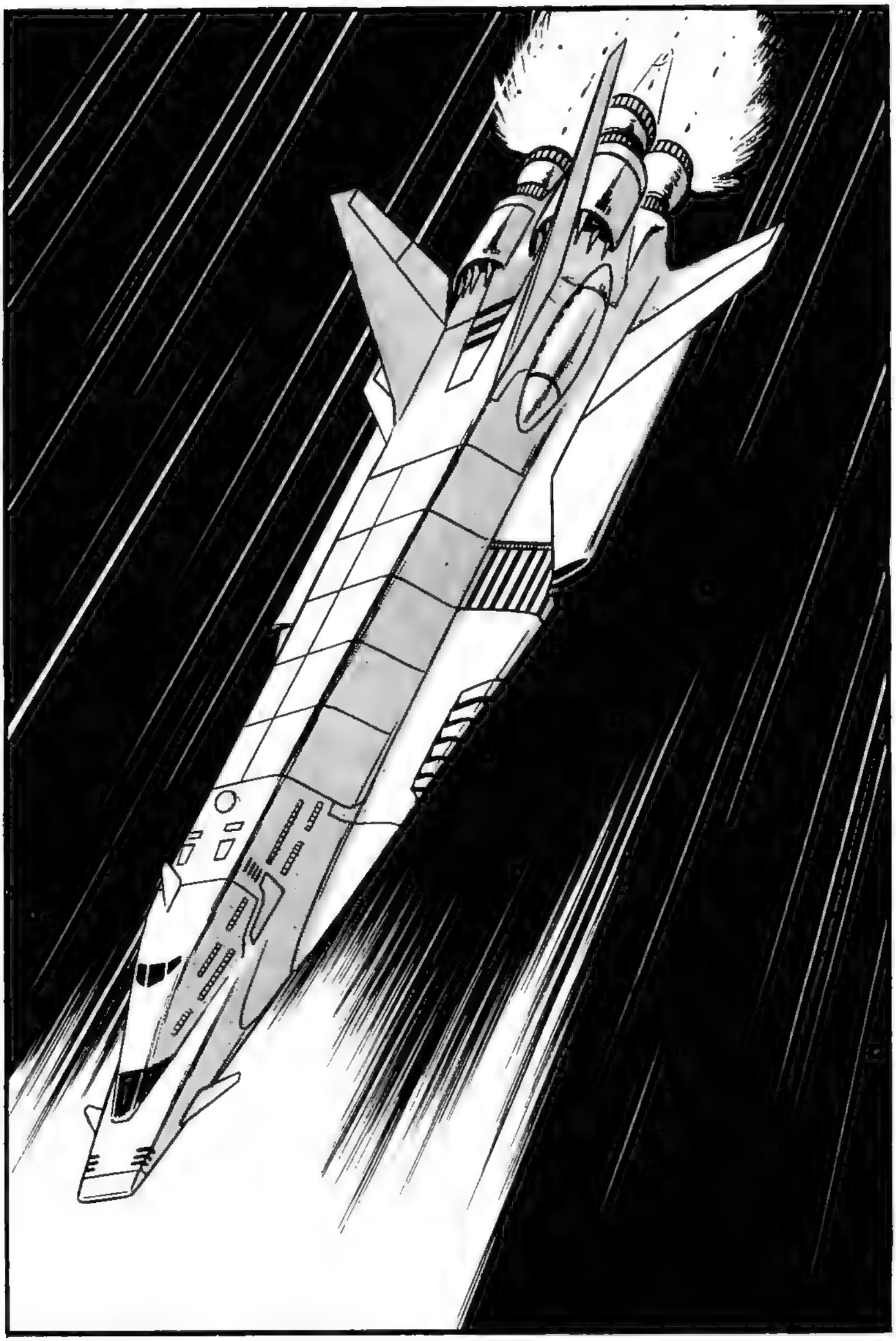
JUST ONE LAST TOUCH AND IT'S DONE
WHAT DO YOU THINK? NICE PAINTING, ISN'T IT?

WAS OF A BABE WITH THE FACE OF AN ANGEL...

THE PAINTING ON THE HOSPITAL ROOM WALL, ILLUMINATED BY THE MORNING SUN...



SHUTENDO, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE BIG NEWS BACK ON EARTH.
YOU'LL PROBABLY BE BOMBARDED WITH INTERVIEWERS THE MOMENT WE LAND.
WHAT, AGAIN!? I ALREADY DID AN INTERVIEW ON THE SPACE STATION...
THINK ABOUT IT! YOU'RE A SUPERMAN BORN IN THE 20TH CENTURY, WHO'S RETURNING TO EARTH AFTER 100-ODD YEARS...
HMM. YOU THINK SO?
THAT'S NOT GONNA BE ENOUGH FOR THEM.
YOU'RE A BIG STAR NOW!
GOOD GRIEF. AND HERE I WAS HOPING TO TAKE MY TIME AND ENJOY THE 22ND-CENTURY EARTH.
YOU CAN'T EXPECT THEM NOT TO BOMBARD YOU!

OKAY...
AFTER THAT, WE'LL HEAD FOR DR. JURGENS' LABORATORY.
I CAN STILL SHOW YOU AROUND ONCE THE RUCKUS DIES DOWN.
AND WE'LL NEVER MEET AGAIN...
YOU'LL TRAVEL BACK TO THE HEIAN PERIOD...
THAT'LL BE WHERE WE SAY GOODBYE.

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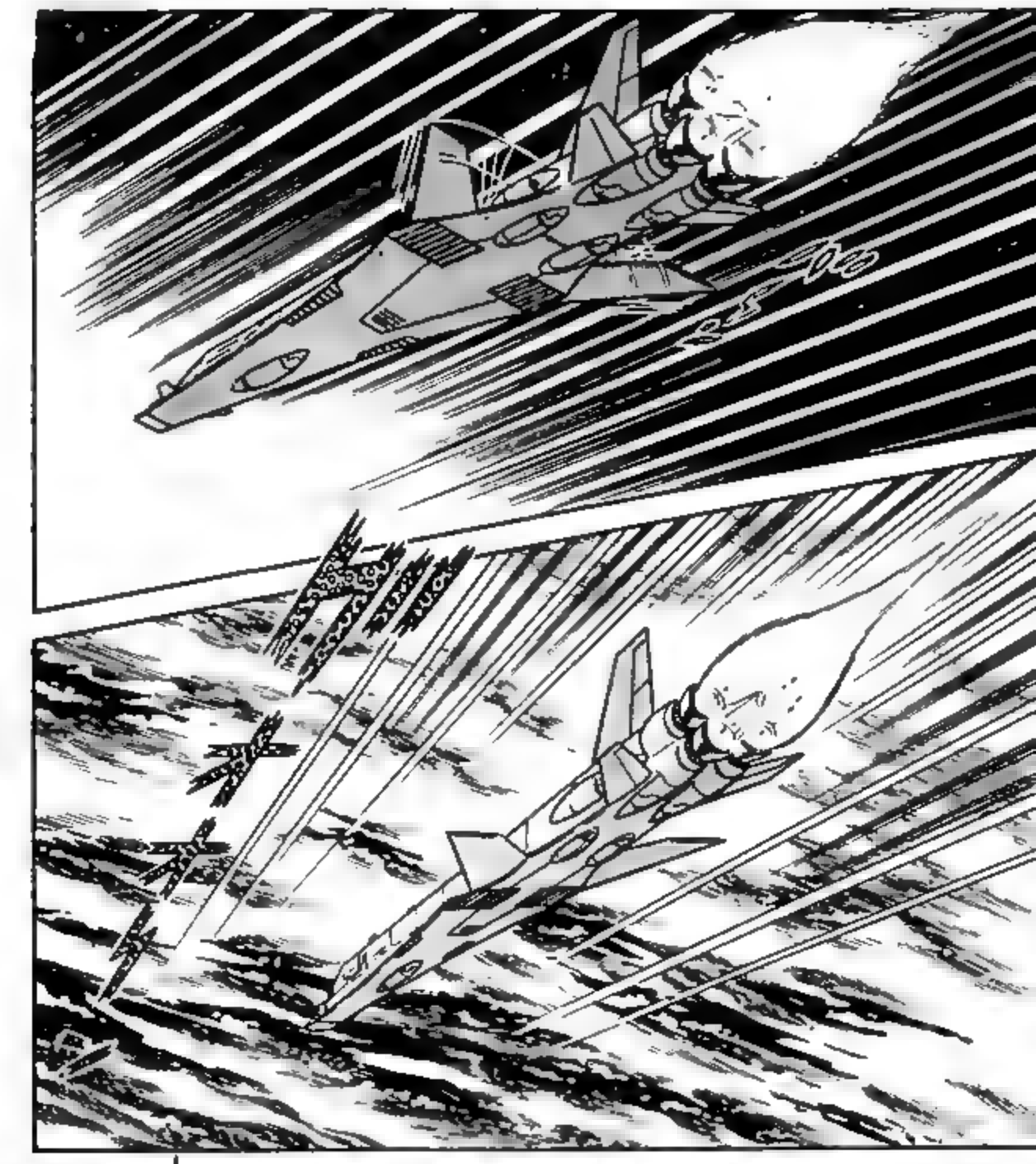
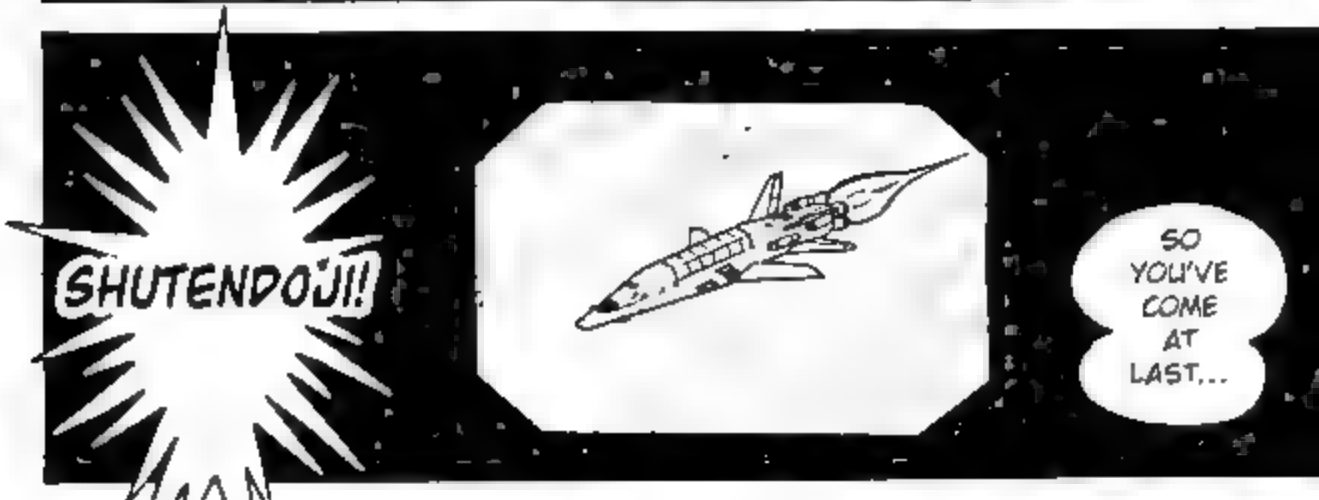
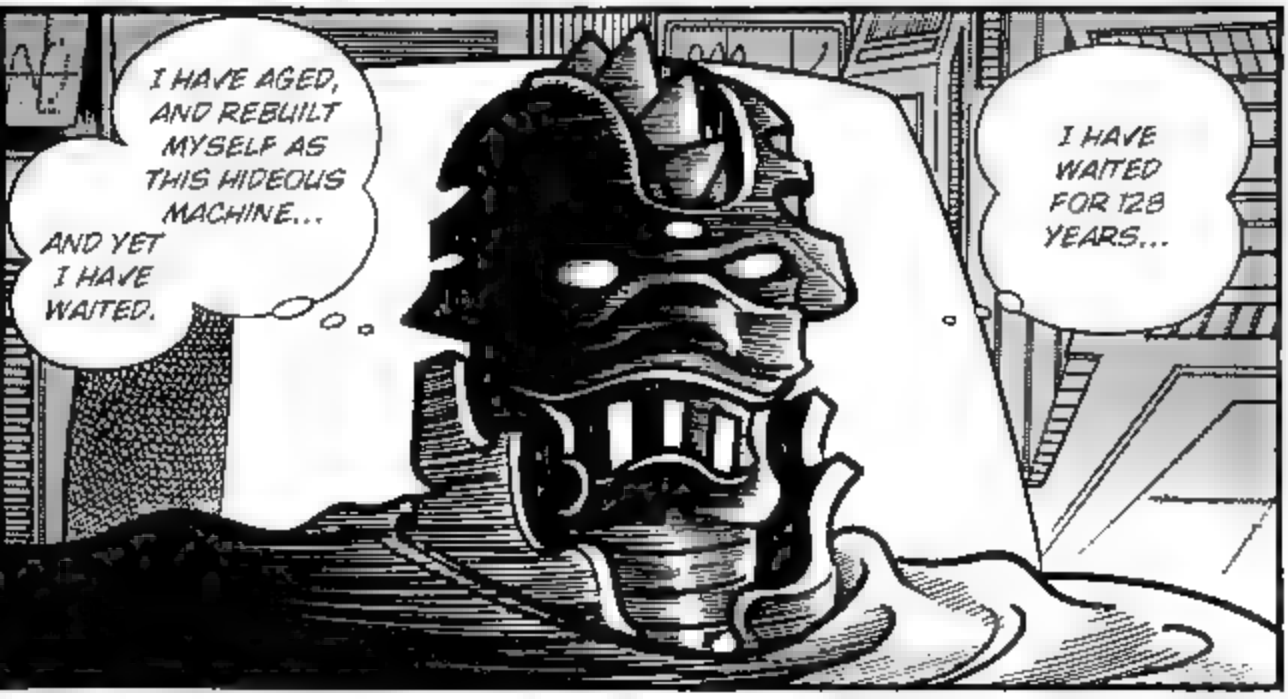
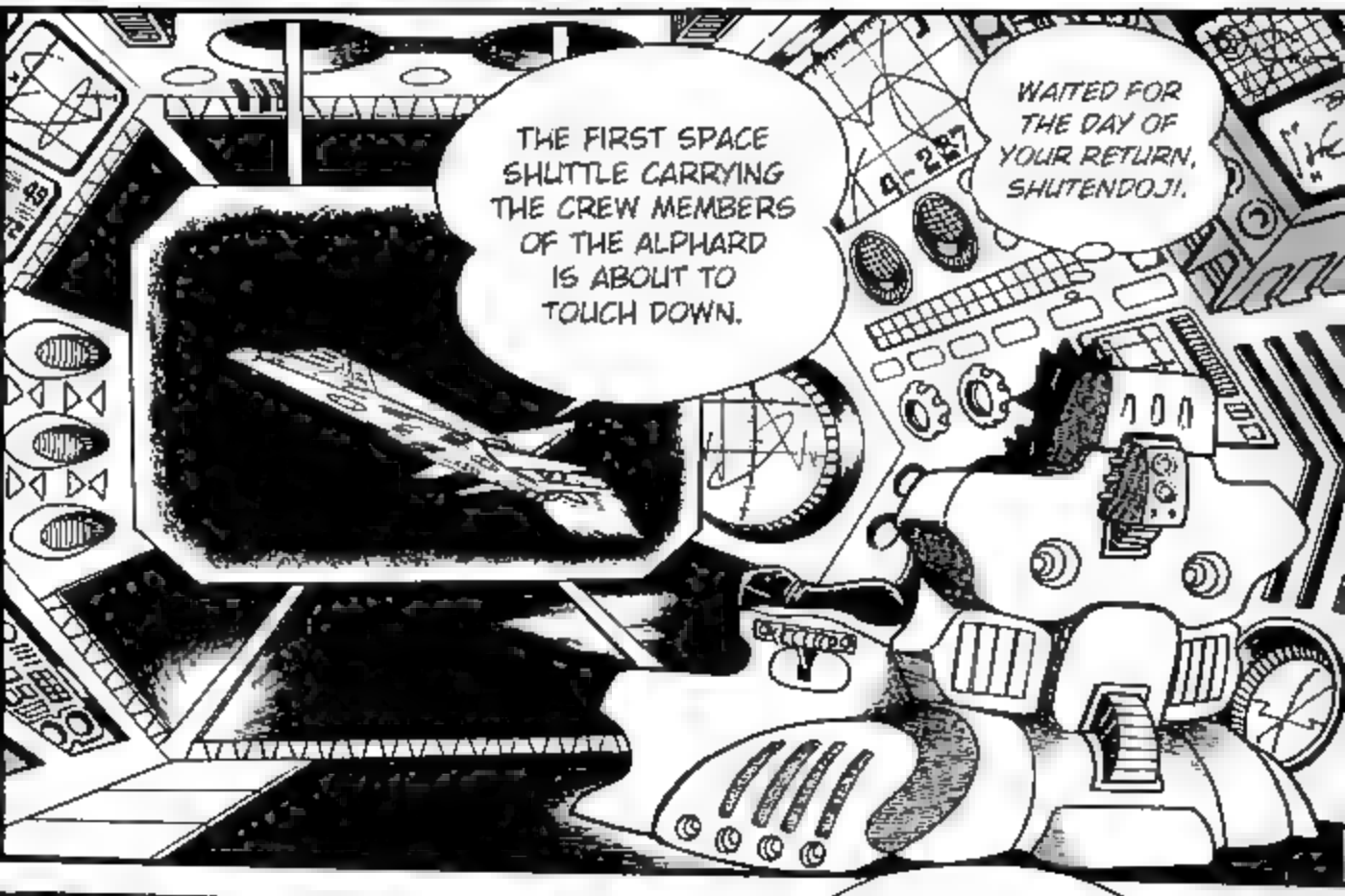
CONTROL TOWER
SPACE SHUTTLE 105, TAKEOFF COMPLETE.
BEGINNING RE-ENTRY.
SPACE SHUTTLE 34 ARRIVING FROM SCIENCE MOON.




SHUTENDOJI!
SO YOU'VE COME AT LAST...


I HAVE AGED, AND REBUILT MYSELF AS THIS HIDEOUS MACHINE...
AND YET I HAVE WAITED.
I HAVE WAITED FOR 128 YEARS...


THE FIRST SPACE SHUTTLE CARRYING THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE ALPHARD IS ABOUT TO TOUCH DOWN.
WAITED FOR THE DAY OF YOUR RETURN, SHUTENDOJI.

I HAD MY DOUBTS AT FIRST...
THE MIRACULOUS SUPERMAN SHUTENDO JIRO IS ON BOARD THIS SHUTTLE.

WHEN MY MOTHER PROPHESIED YOUR RETURN..
BUT NOW...
YOU HAVE RETURNED, APPEARING JUST AS YOU DID WHEN I WAS A CHILD...
I WAS THERE ON THAT FATEFUL DAY...

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED THAT IS THE MAN WHO WILL KILL YOUR FATHER!
YOU'RE LYING! FATHER'S TOO STRONG!

YOUR FATHER MAY BE STRONG...
BUT
HE IS EVEN STRONGER!
AND NOBODY CAN STOP ME!
BEGONE!!

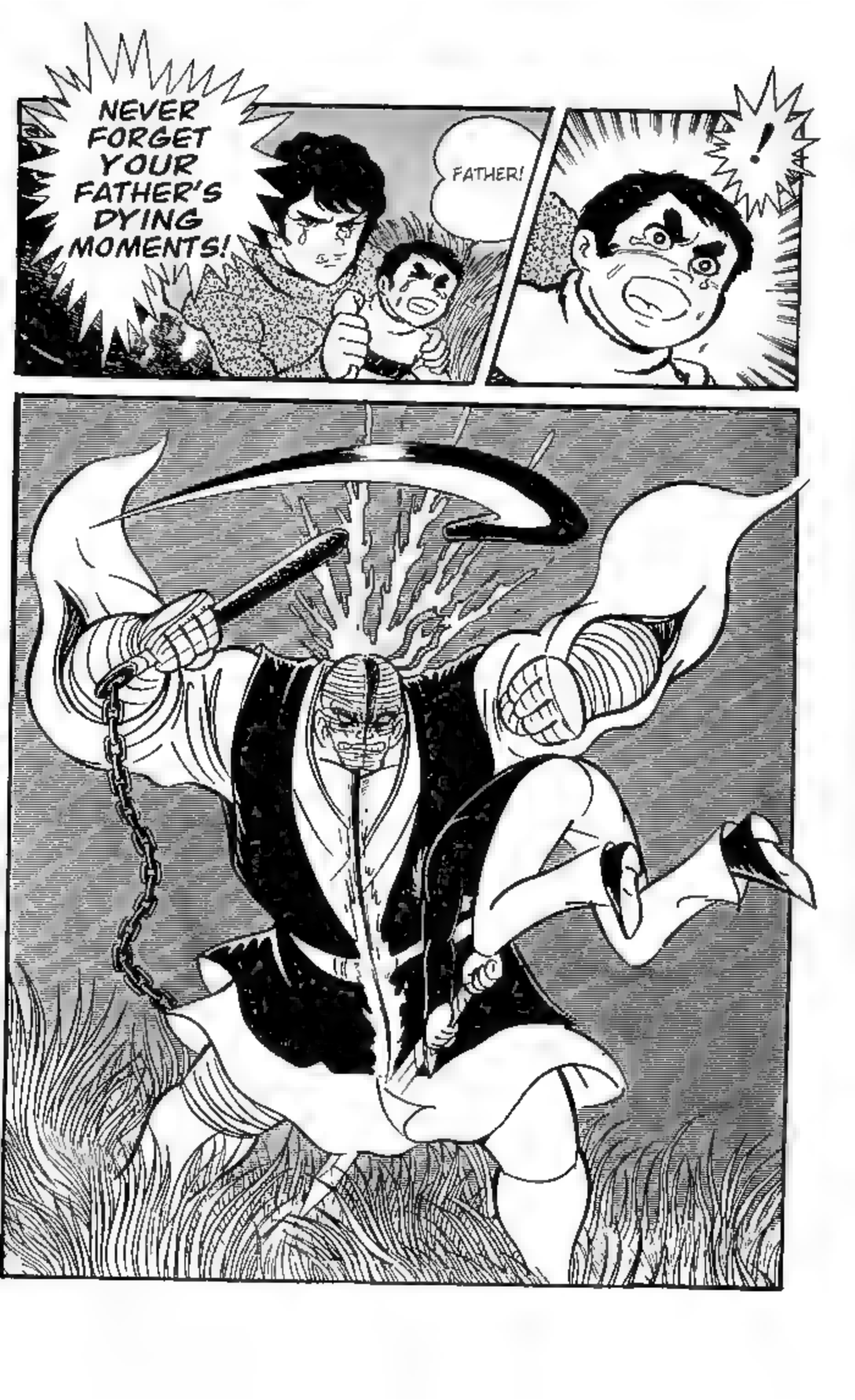
FATHER!!

GET HIM, FATHER!
LET'S DO THIS, DOJI!
ARGH!

KCH!!
AND THAT'S WHY YOU MUST AVENGE HIM!
I CAN TELL THAT YOUR FATHER WILL BE KILLED!
YOUR FATHER WILL LOSE HE CANNOT POSSIBLY DEFEAT HIM
SO NEVER FORGET HIS FACE!
NO!
YOU'RE A LIAR!

STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT SHUTEN-DOJI!
YOU MUST BECOME STRONG!
HEE HEE HEE!
DAMN-YOU!!

PREPARE TO DIE, JAWANBO!!!
URGH!


NEVER FORGET YOUR FATHER'S DYING MOMENTS!
FATHER!
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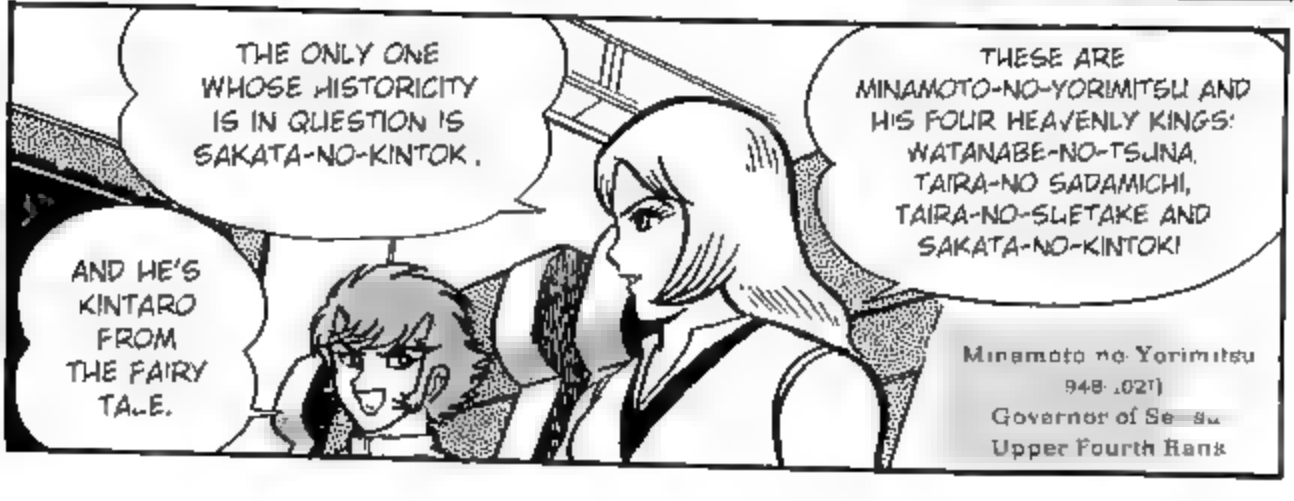
THAT IS WHAT MY PRECOGNITION IS TELLING ME.
FOR IN A HUNDRED YEARS, YOU SHALL FACE SHUTENDOJI!
YOU MUST BECOME STRONG. .
WAAAAAAAAH...
AND SO...
I'LL AVENGE FATHER! YOU'LL SEE!
I'LL WIN! I KNOW I'LL WIN!
BUT I CANNOT TELL WHICH OF YOU WILL WIN.
AND I WAS AGING IN THE MEAN-TIME..
BUT YOU NEVER DID RETURN.
I TRAINED FOR THE DAY THAT WE WOULD DO BATTLE!
I WAITED... WAITED FOR THE DAY THAT YOU WOULD RETURN.

STRONGER!
I NCOR-PORATED CUTTING-EDGE MACHINERY TO MAKE MYSELF STRONGER! STRONGER!
SO I REBUILT MYSELF AS A MACHINE.
I SHALL DEFEAT YOU, AS MY FATHER JAWANBO WISHED!
COME FORTH, SHUTEN-DOJI!
AND NOW I HAVE BECOME
THE MIGHTIEST CYBORG OF THE 22ND CENTURY!

From Shibukawa's "Shutendoji"
THE LEGEND OF SHUTENDOJI BECAME FAMOUS WHEN IT WAS INCLUDED IN SHIBUKAWA'S EDITION OF THE OTOGIZOSHI.
AFTER THAT, IT WAS SPREAD BY COUNTLESS FAIRY TALES, PICTURE BOOKS, AND NURSERY RHYMES.

THAT IS SO TWENTIETH CENTURY!
HAHAHAHA. JAPANESE, HUH?
YOU'RE PRETTY KNOWLEDGEABLE. MOST JAPANESE PEOPLE DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT.
THERE'S NO RACIAL DISCRIMINATION ANYMORE, EITHER.
AND OUR CHILDREN LEARN ANCIENT JAPANESE HISTORY AS A PART OF WORLD HISTORY.
THE WORLD WAS UNITED IN THE EARLY 21ST CENTURY
THERE'S NO MORE JAPAN OR AMERICA ANYMORE.
THERE'S SOMETHING UNIQUE ABOUT THE LEGEND OF MT. OE.
IT WAS THE PECULIARITY OF THE LEGEND.
BUT IT WASN'T JAPANESE HISTORY THAT PIQUED MY INTEREST IN THE LEGEND OF MT. OE.
HMM. WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S RELATIVELY NEW FOR A LEGEND ABOUT A MONSTER.
THERE ARE MANY OTHER MONSTERS IN THE LEGENDS OF OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT THESE ARE MOSTLY IN THEIR MYTHOLOGY.
IN OTHER WORDS, THEY WERE SET BEFORE THEY WROTE ANY PROPER HISTORY BOOKS.
BUT THE LEGEND OF MT. OE TAKES PLACE IN THE HEIAN PERIOD,
AND SHUTENDOJI IS SLAIN BY HISTORICAL FIGURES


THE ONLY ONE WHOSE HISTORICITY IS IN QUESTION IS SAKATA-NO-KINTOK.
AND HE'S KINTARO FROM THE FAIRY TALE.
THESE ARE MINAMOTO-NO-YORIMITSU AND HIS FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS: WATANABE-NO-TSUNA, TAIRA-NO SADAMICHI, TAIRA-NO-SUETAKE AND SAKATA-NO-KINTOK!
Minamoto no Yorimitsu
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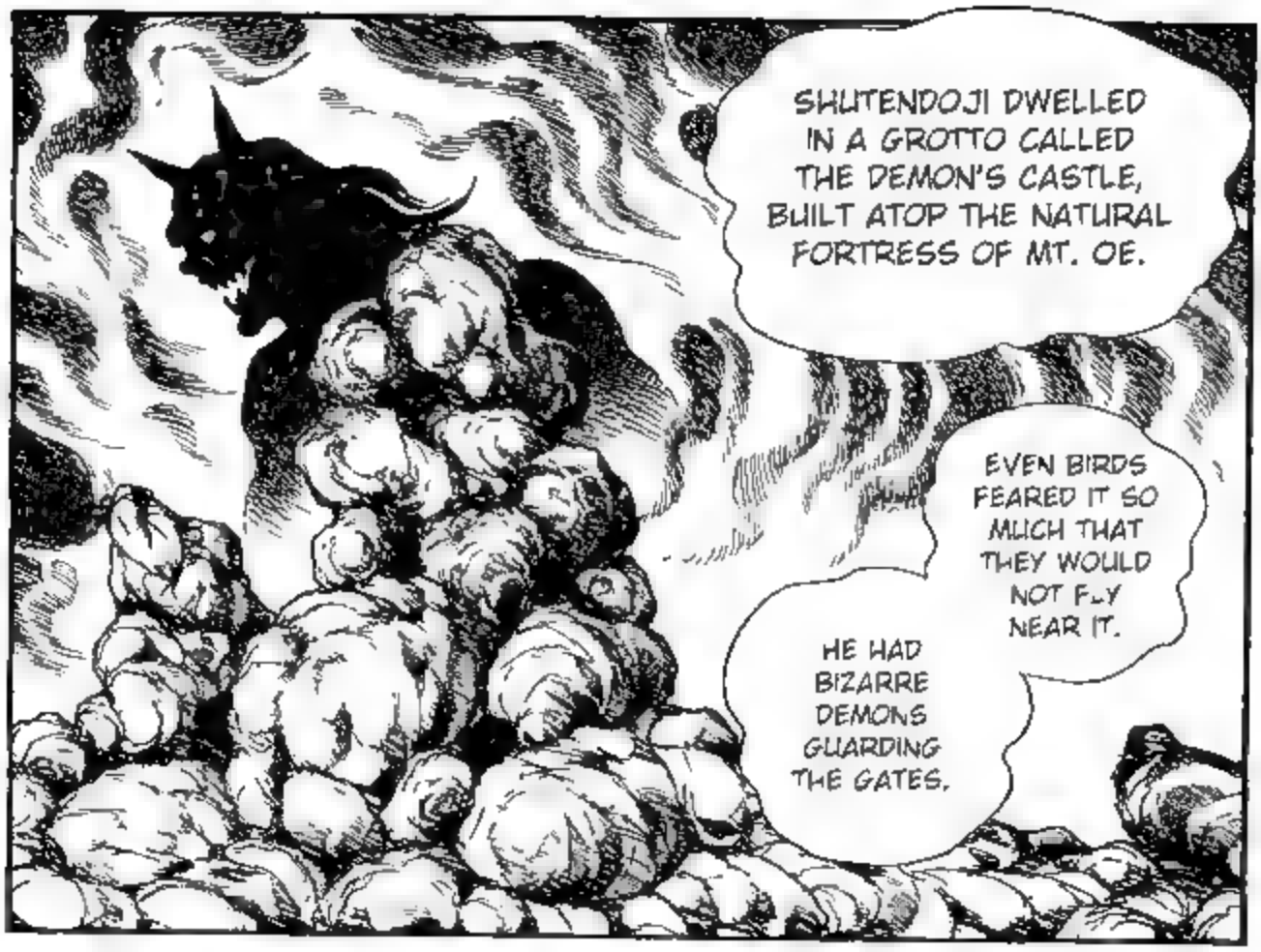
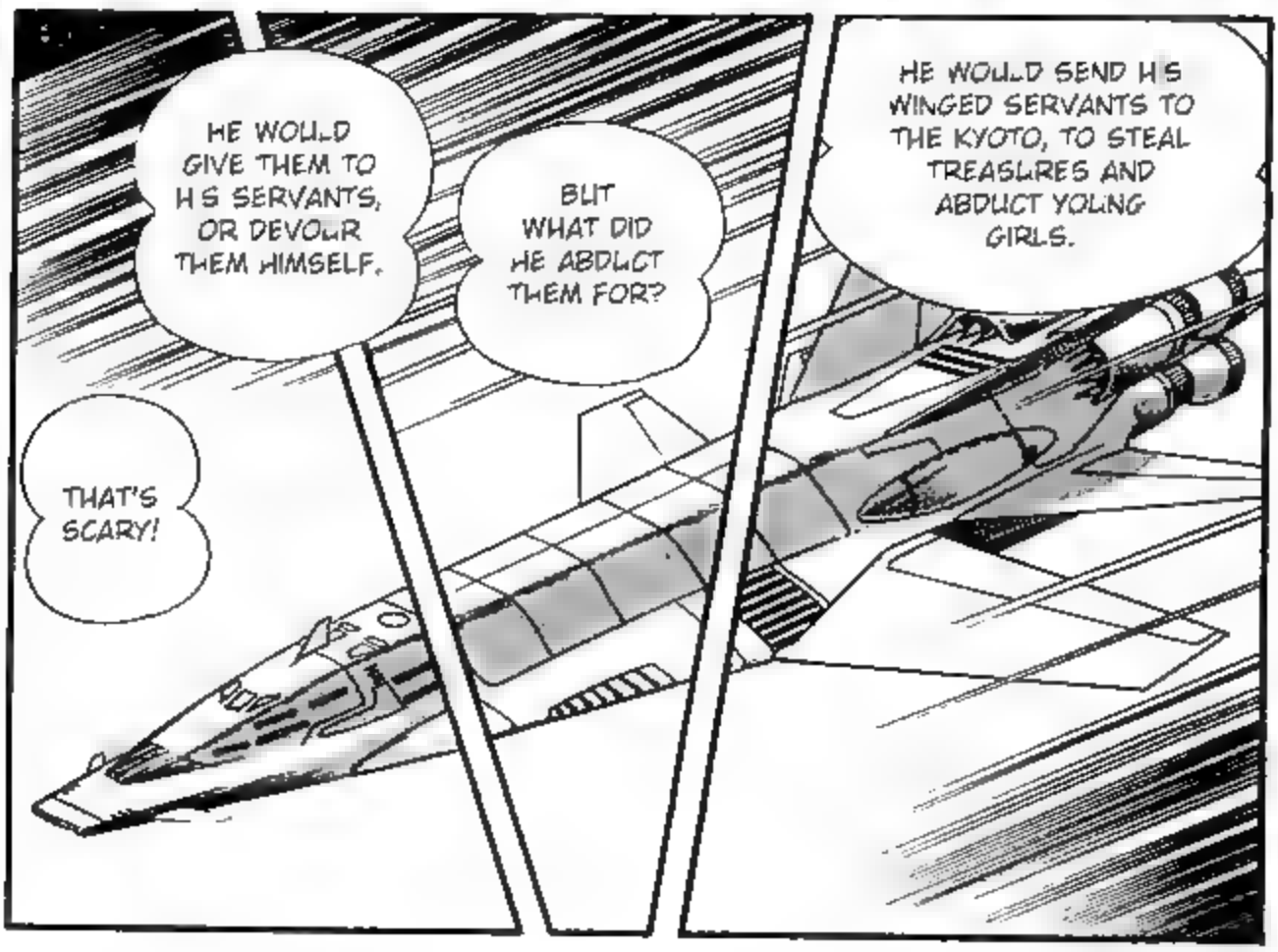
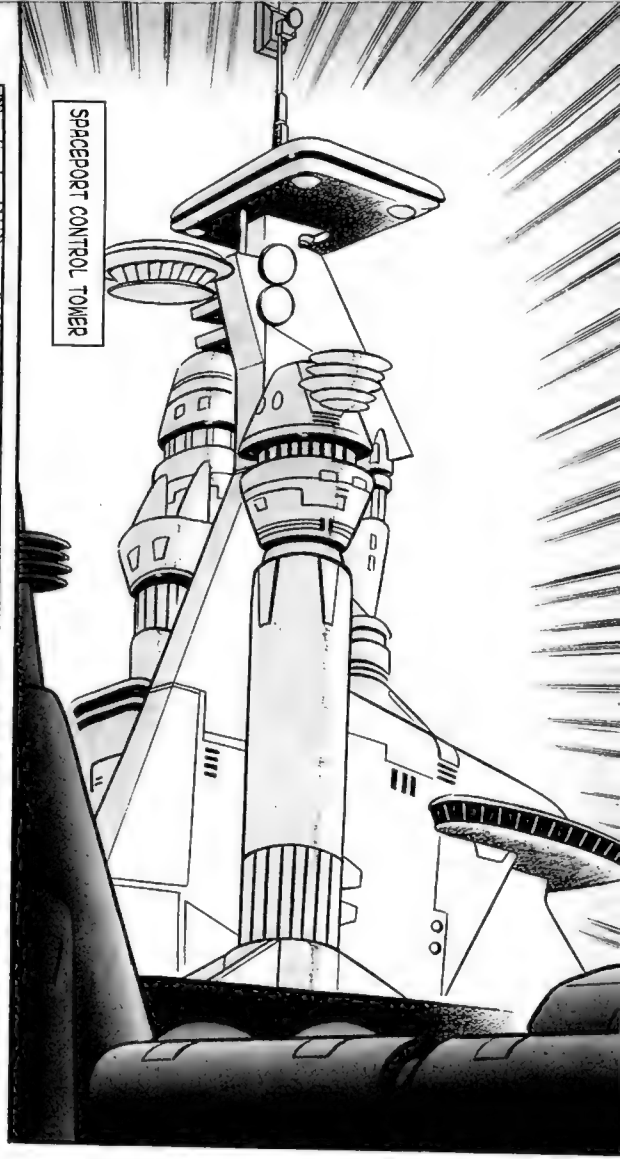
NO...
DO YOU KNOW THE LEGEND OF SHUTENDOJI AS IT'S WRITTEN IN THE OTOGIZOSHI?
SETTING ASIDE WHETHER OR NOT SHUTENDOJI WAS REALLY A DEMON,
I THINK WE CAN SAY FOR SURE THAT SOMETHING HAPPENED ON MT OE
IT GOES SOMETHING LIKE THIS.
EVENTUALLY, HE STOLE THE DAUGHTER OF A NOBLEMAN.
IN THE CITY OF KYOTO, A DEMON WOULD APPEAR EVERY NIGHT AND STEAL BEAUTIFUL WOMEN.
THUS, MINAMOTO-NO-YORIMITSU WAS ORDERED TO SLAY SHUTENDOJI.
YORIMITSU LED HIS FOUR HEAVENLY KINGS ATOP MT. OE, DISGUISED AS MOUNTAINEERING PRIESTS.


SHUTENDOJI DWELLED IN A GROTTO CALLED THE DEMON'S CASTLE, BUILT ATOP THE NATURAL FORTRESS OF MT. OE.
EVEN BIRDS FEARED IT SO MUCH THAT THEY WOULD NOT FLY NEAR IT.
HE HAD BIZARRE DEMONS GUARDING THE GATES.


HE WOULD GIVE THEM TO HIS SERVANTS, OR DEVOUR THEM HIMSELF.
BUT WHAT DID HE ABDUCT THEM FOR?
HE WOULD SEND HIS WINGED SERVANTS TO THE KYOTO, TO STEAL TREASURES AND ABDUCT YOUNG GIRLS.
THAT'S SCARY!

YORIMITSU AND HIS PARTY BEGGED SHUTENDOJI TO LET THEM STAY THE NIGHT, AND GAVE HIM LIQUOR IN RETURN.
THEN, IN HIS MOMENT OF WEAKNESS, THEY BEHEADED HIM.
BUT THE HEAD FLEW AND SWOOPED DOWN ON YORIMITSU!
DOESN'T THE FLYING HEAD SOUND SO SCI-FI?
THAT'S PROBABLY A REPRESENTATION OF SHUTENDOJI'S TENACITY.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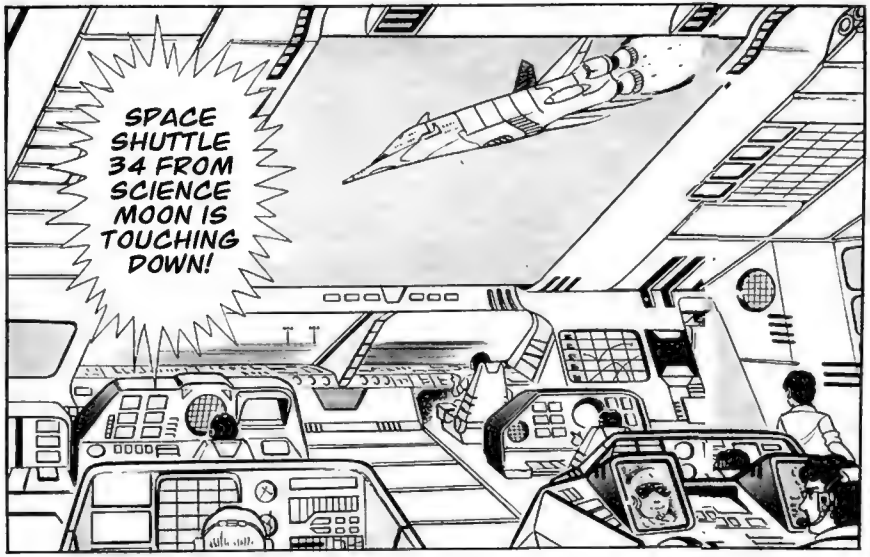
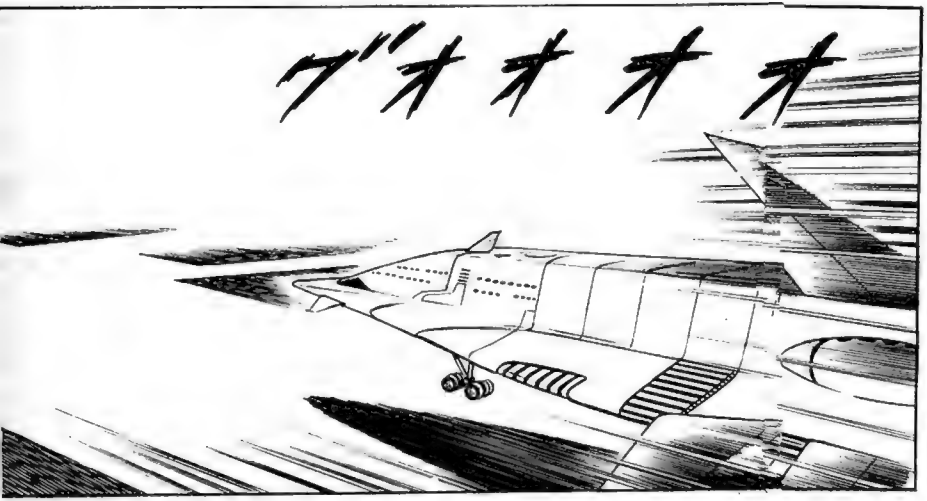

SPACE SHUTTLE 34 FROM SCIENCE MOON IS TOUCHING DOWN!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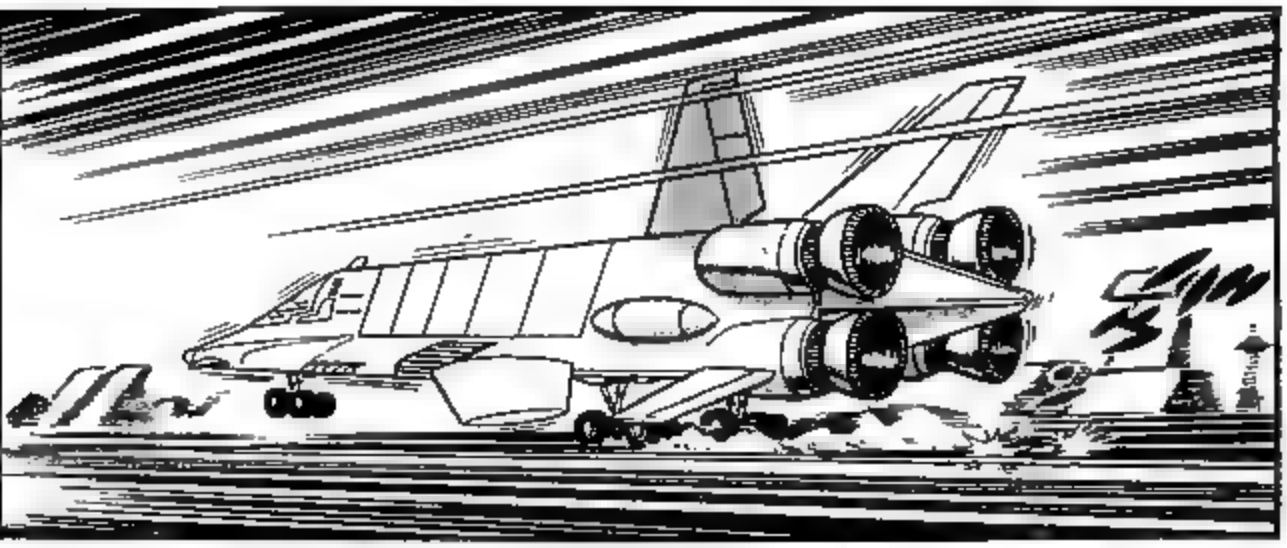
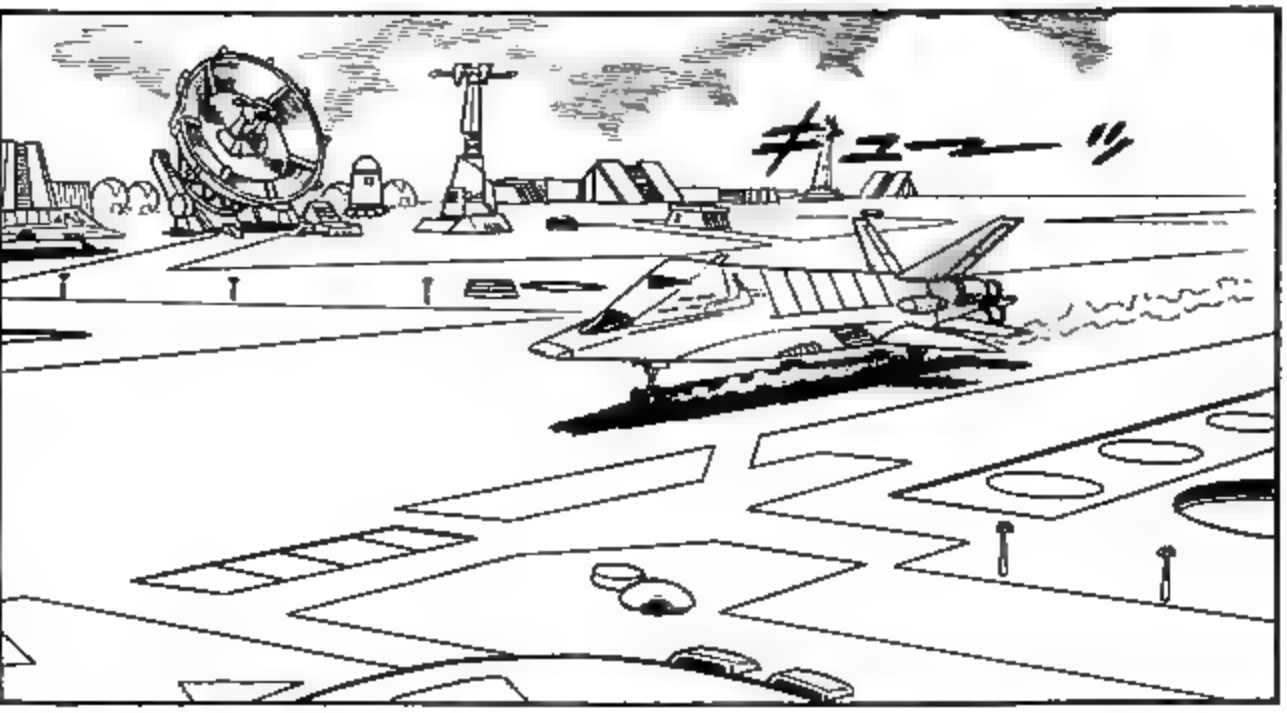
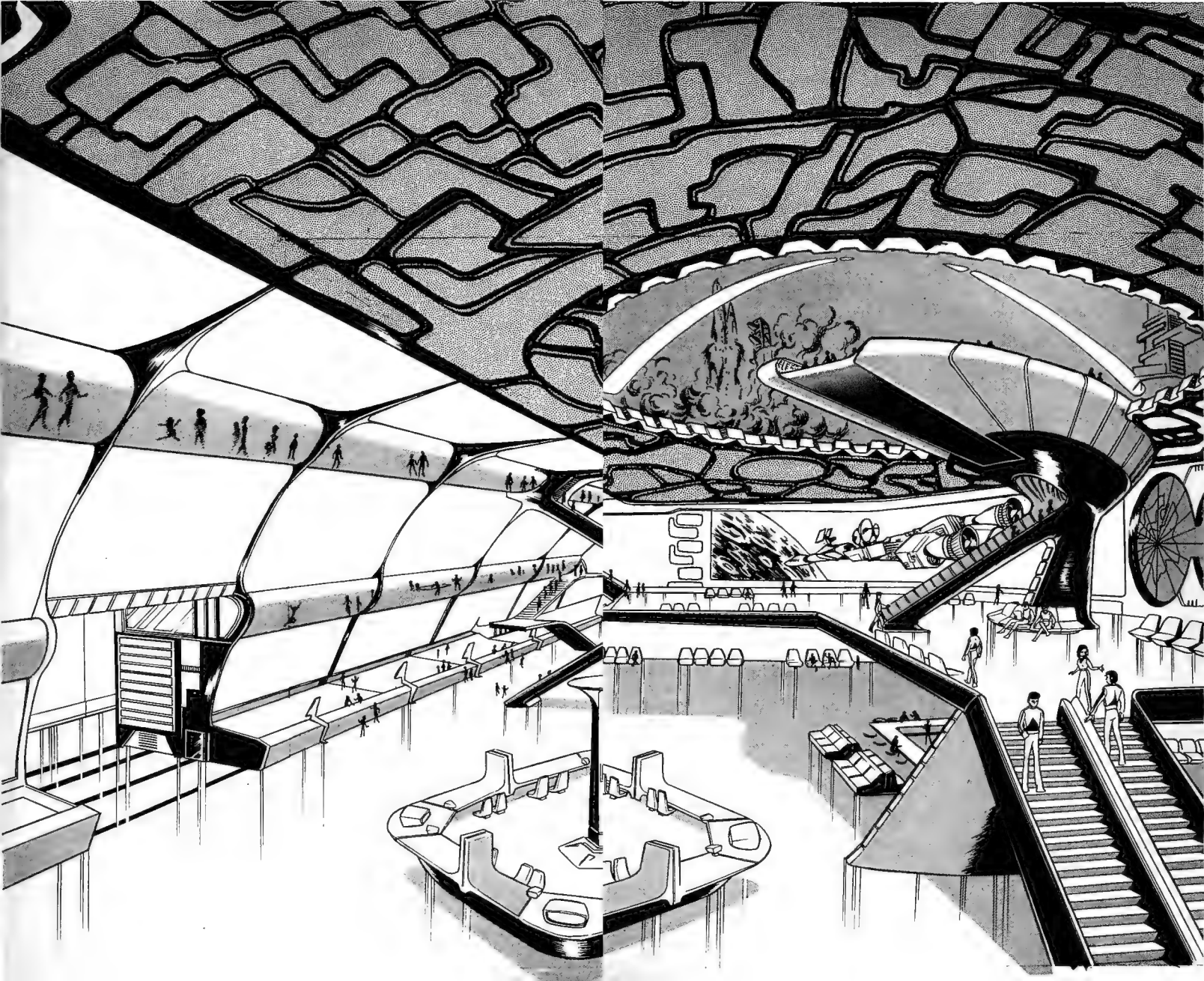




I'VE FINALLY MADE IT BACK TO EARTH!
I'VE MADE IT... TO EARTH...

DEAR PASSENGERS, WE HAVE JUST TOUCHED DOWN AT WECTON SPACEPORT.
PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL THE SAFETY LAMP HAS TURNED ON.
LOCAL TIME IS 2:20 PM.

IT'S BEEN A LONG..
AN ENDLESSLY LONG JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE..
ALL THAT I COULD SEE WAS THE DARKNESS AND THE STARS.
BUT...
I MAY HAVE BEEN BORN IN THE DEMON REALM,
BUT I CONSIDER EARTH TO BE MY HOME.
BUT NOW I'VE FINALLY COME BACK.
THIS IS THE 22ND CENTURY NOW...
MOM AND DAD ARE NO LONGER HERE.
NOR IS MY HOUSE.

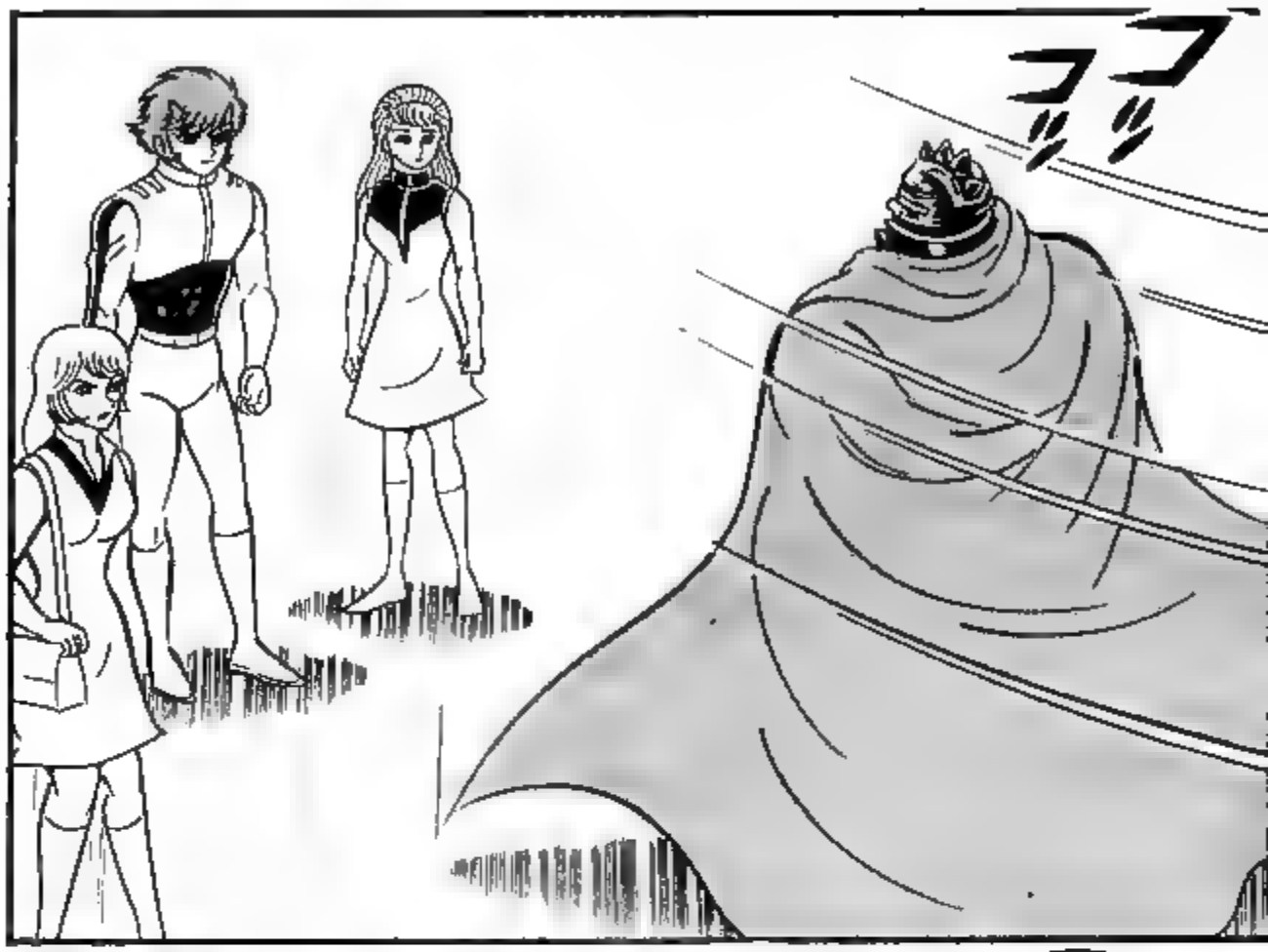


HI, BANJI!
MISS LAURA!
JIRO!
OH, PLEASE. DON'T CALL ME MISS LAURA.
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING THESE PAST FIVE YEARS!
I GUESS THIS IS FINALLY GOODBYE, MISS LAURA.
OH, COME ON! HEHHEH-HEH...
THAT MEANS YOU'RE ADULTS!
YOU WERE TEN WHEN YOU BOARDED THE ALPHARD, SO NOW YOU'RE FIFTEEN.

OH, DEAR.
SO ONCE I GET BACK TO TOKYO, I'LL SEND YOU A LOVE LETTER, OKAY?
BUT OKAY, I GUESS I'M AN ADULT NOW!
I'LL BE PRAYING THAT YOU CAN TRAVEL BACK IN TIME SAFELY.
PLEASE TAKE CARE, JIRO.
OW, OW, OW, OW!
HEY, I WAS JUST KIDDING!
WHAAAT !?
AHAHAHA!
I'LL SEND YOU A LOVE LETTER AS SOON AS I GET HOME!
WOW, REALLY?
THANK YOU. I WAS THE HAPPIEST ON THE ALPHARD WHEN I WAS PLAYING WITH YOU GUYS

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
WOW! IT'S THE SUPER CYBORG SOLDIER, IRON KAISER!
HEY, LOOK OVER THERE!
OH!
YEAH!
LET'S GO GET HIS AUTOGRAPH!
HH-HUH?
WE ALL LOOK UP TO HIM!
YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T HEARD OF HIM, BUT HE'S THE HERO OF THE GALAXY!

HEY, IRON KAISER!
CAN I GET YOUR AUTOGRAPH?
HUH?
I WAS THERE, OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGO...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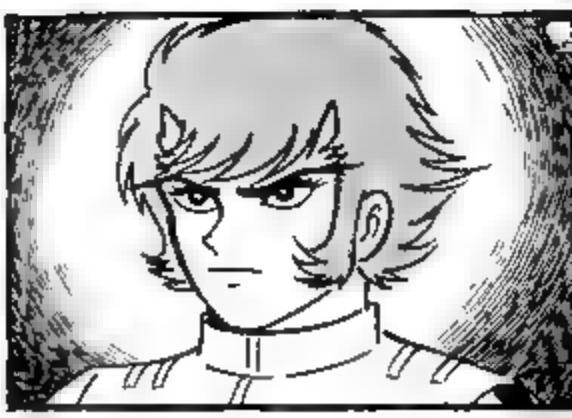
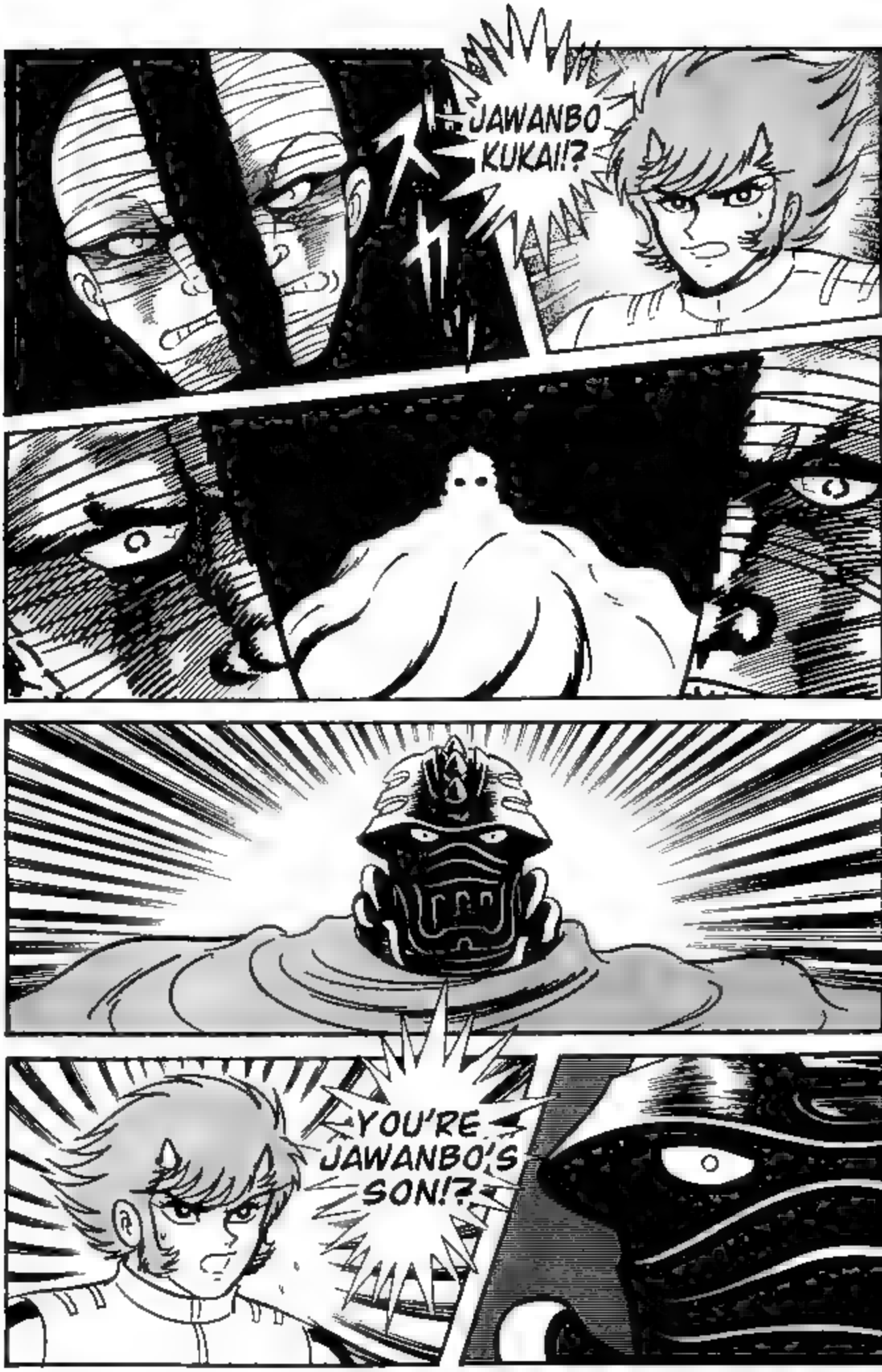
I WATCHED YOU IN MY MOTHER'S ARMS.
THE WIND WAS HOWLING OVER THE DARK PLAIN THAT NIGHT.
YOU WERE LIKE A BLOODTHIRSTY BLUE WOLF THAT NIGHT...

I HAD A STRONG FATHER... SO STRONG THAT NO ONE COULD DEFEAT HIM.



BUT THE WOLF'S SWORD CLEAVED MY FATHER IN TWAIN!
AND MY FATHER'S NAME WAS
JAWANBO KUKAI THE WAR DEMON!
THAT PLAIN WAS
THE PLAIN OF FANGS ON MT. ANKOKUJI!


JAWANBO KUKAI!?
YOU'RE JAWANBO'S SON!?

HAVE AT YOU SHUTENDOJI!!
AIEEEEE!
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NOOOOOOOOOO!!

HER NAME WAS IGRI YAYOI, OF THE ILLUSORY DEMONS.
MY MOTHER SLIT HER OWN THROAT TO BE WITH MY FATHER SOON AFTER!

"MY SON..."
NOW LET ME TELL YOU HER LAST WORDS.

"KILL SHUTEN-DOJI, WHATEVER THE COST!!"

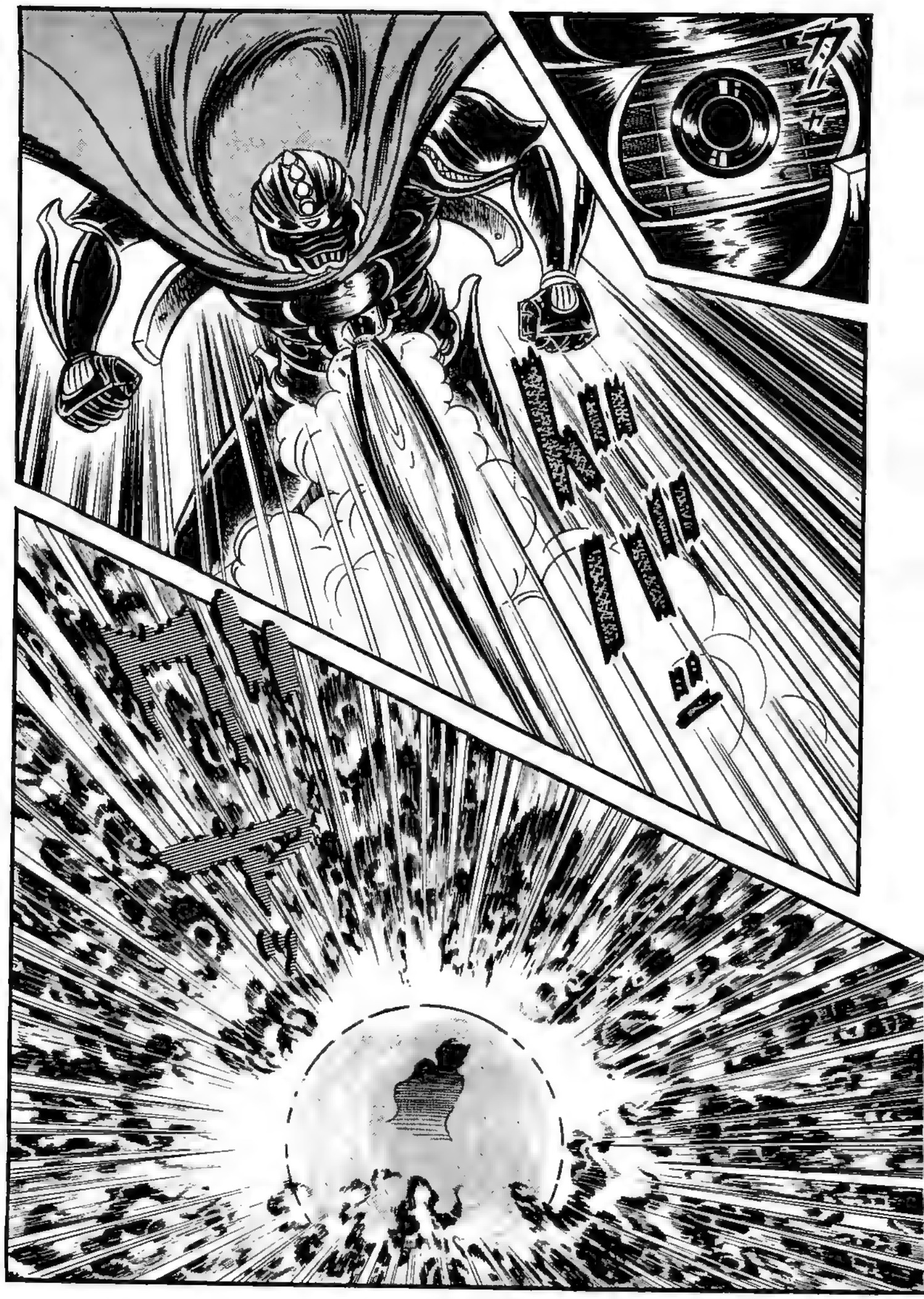
GYAAAAHHHH!!!
OH, NO!
I FORGOT TO PUT UP A BARRIER AROUND THEM!
AHHHHH!

ARRRGH!
YOU SON OF A BITCH!!
SO LONG AS A SINFUL MAN LIKE YOU DRAWS BREATH,
WAH HAH HAH HA!
THERE SHALL BE A MOUND OF CORPSES WHEREVER YOU GO!
HEHEHEHE.. I CAN PUT UP A BARRIER MYSELF.
IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT!?

YOU MAY BE A SUPERMAN, BUT YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR THE SCIENCE OF THE 22ND CENTURY.
IF SO, THEN YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR ME.
I CAN'T AFFORD TO DIE!

I KILLED YOUR FATHER BECAUSE HE CHALLENGED ME!
HATE ME IF YOU WILL! YOU AND I WERE ENEMIES TO BEGIN WITH!
SHUTENDOJI AND THE DEMONIC BUDDHISTS WERE BORN ON OPPOSING SIDES!
I DON'T KNOW WHY THAT IS!
BUT I HAVE TO FIND OUT WHY...

EVEN IF IT MEANS SLAYING YOU LIKE I DID YOUR FATHER!
THAT'S WHY I MUST LIVE!
EVEN IF IT MEANS DEFEATING YOU!
HERE I COME, IRON KAISER!
LET'S SEE IF YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO KILL ME!!
COME AT ME, SHUTEN-DOJI!



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MOST IMPRESSIVE, SHUTENDOJI! YOU CAN SWIM THROUGH THE SEA OF FLAMES FROM A NUCLEAR EXPLOSION!
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HA
NOW I CAN SEE HOW YOU DEFEATED MY FATHER!
YOU TRULY ARE WORTH DEFEAT -ING!

THAT WAS A NUKE! HE JUST USED A MINIATURE NUKE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HIM! ALL THIS JUST TO KILL ME!?
HE DETONATED IT IN THE SPACEPORT, KILLING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE!

DAMN IT ALL!
NOW ALL OF OUR FELLOW CREWMATES FROM THE ALPHARD THAT WERE ON THAT SHUTTLE ARE DEAD!

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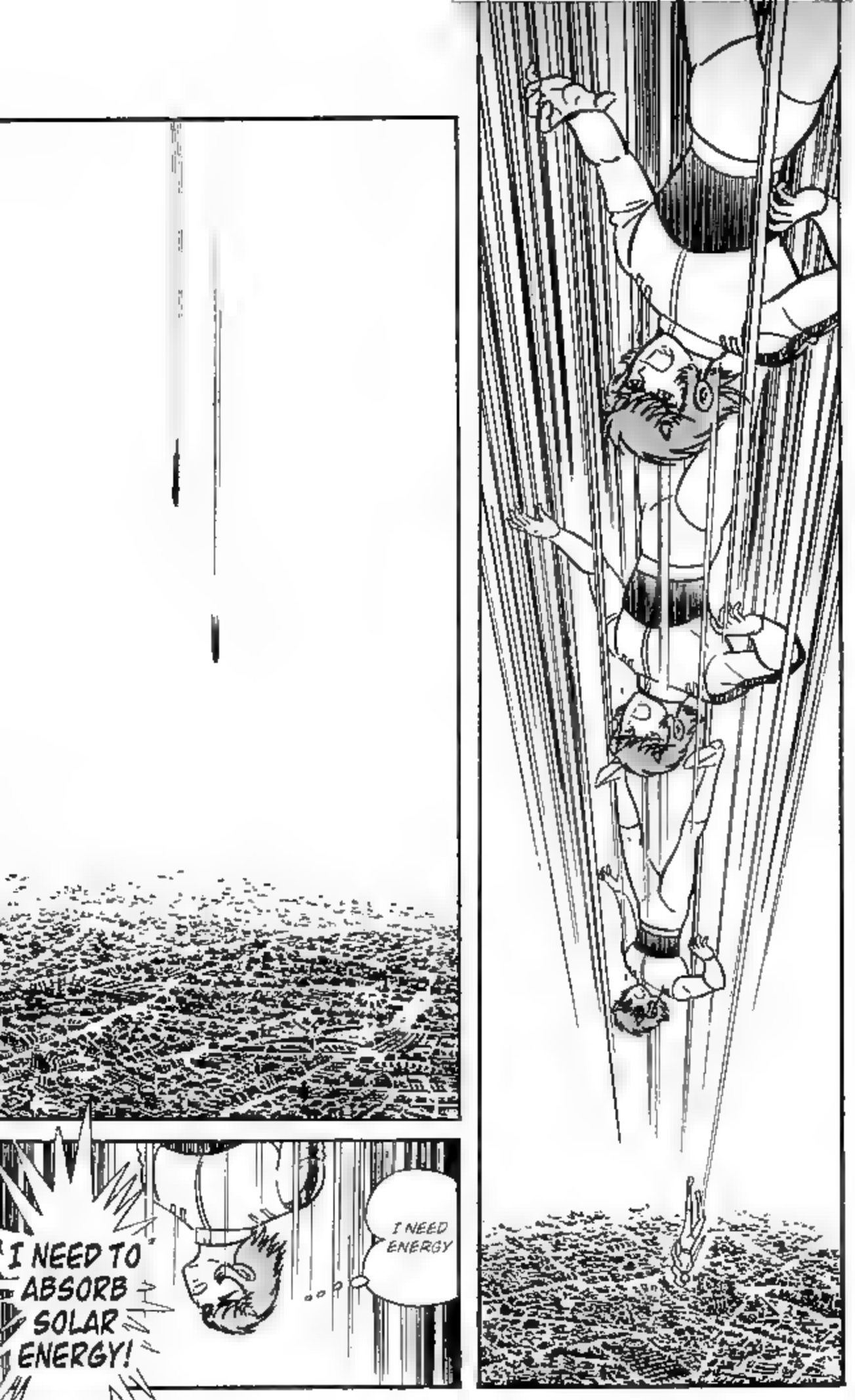
HE'S DRAINING MY ENERGY !!
MY ENERGY !!
AAAAAUGH!

WAAAUGH!
WAHA HAHA!
YOU NO LONGER HAVE THE ENERGY LEFT TO STAND!
NOW GO TO HELL!!


I NEED ENERGY
I NEED TO ABSORB SOLAR ENERGY!

HMM
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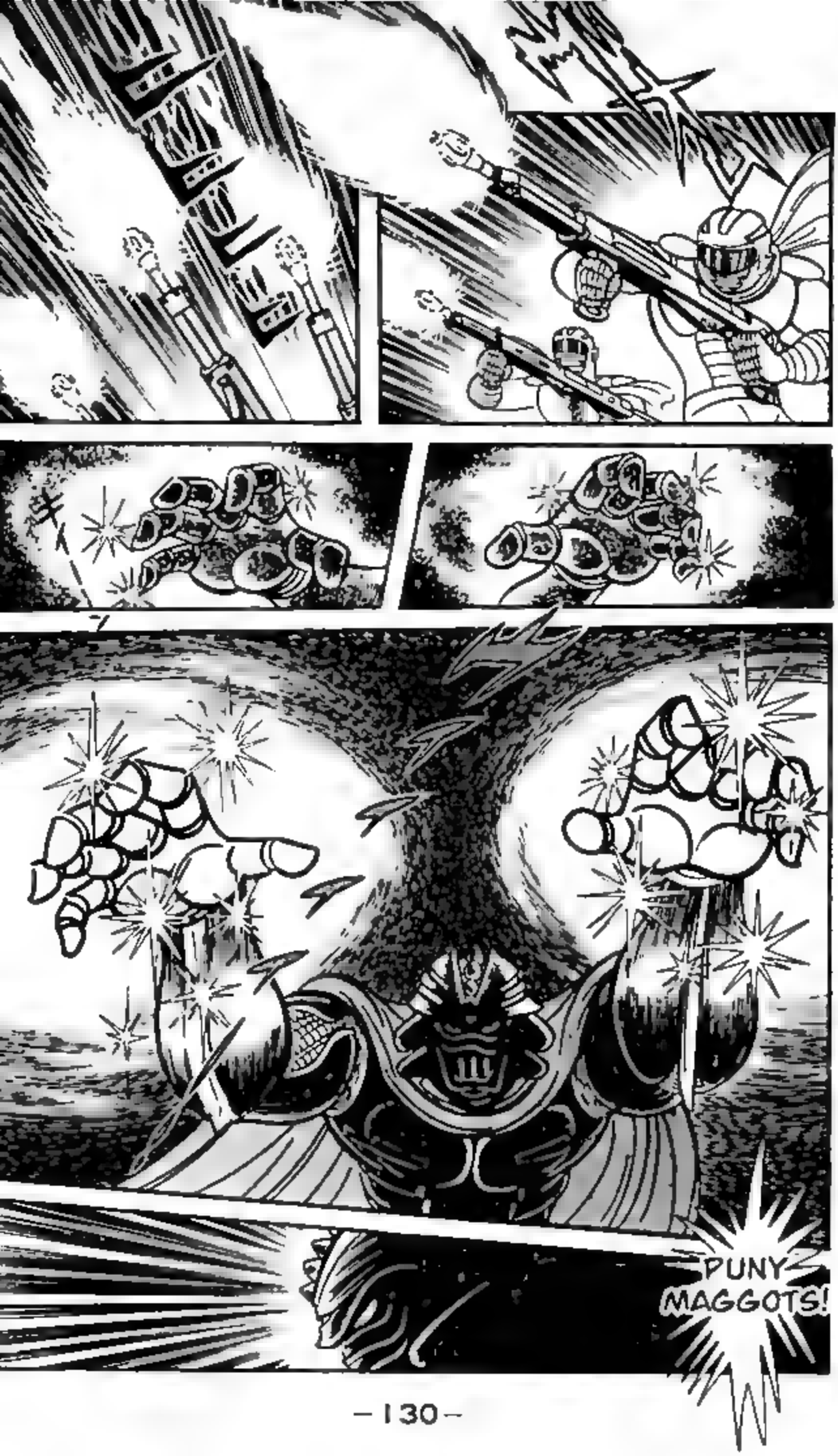
HEHEHE...
IMPRESSIVE
IT WOULD APPEAR HE HAS THE ABILITY TO RESUPPLY HIS ENERGY AT WILL!

IRON KAISER!
TARGET SIGHTED!

IRON KAISER!
YOU'RE WANTED FOR BOMBING THE SPACEPORT! SURRENDER TO US!!
THERE IS NO ONE IN THIS UNIVERSE THAT CAN MAKE ME SURRENDER!!
HE HE HE...
SO YOU'VE COME AT LAST!

GET IN THE CAR!
LET US HANDLE HIM!
BUT IT'S ME THAT HE WANTS.
YES.
YOU'RE SHUTEN-DOJI, RIGHT!?
COME ON! HURRY!
THE CYBORG ARMY WILL HOLD HIM OFF!

DOJI! YOU DARE FLEE FROM ME!?
HMM !?


PUNY MAGGOTS!

AHHHHH!

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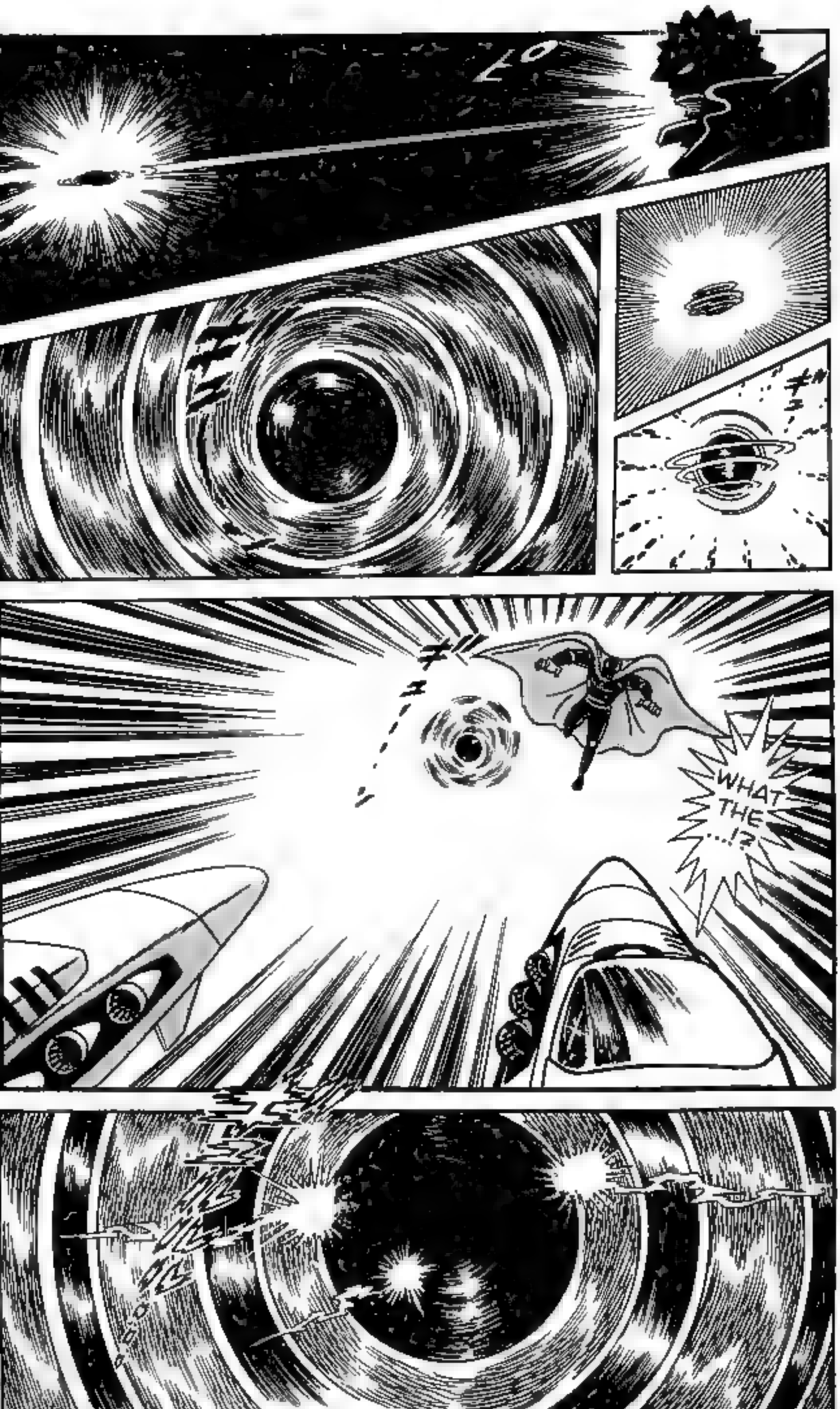
DOJI! YOU DARE FLEE FROM ME!?
HMM !?

I CAN'T BELIEVE HIM!!
THAT WAS AN ANTI-GRAVITY DEVICE!
WHAT WAS THAT!?
WA HA HA HA!
IRON KAISER SHALL NEVER BE DEFEATED BY THE LIKES OF YOU!!!!

DAMN YOU!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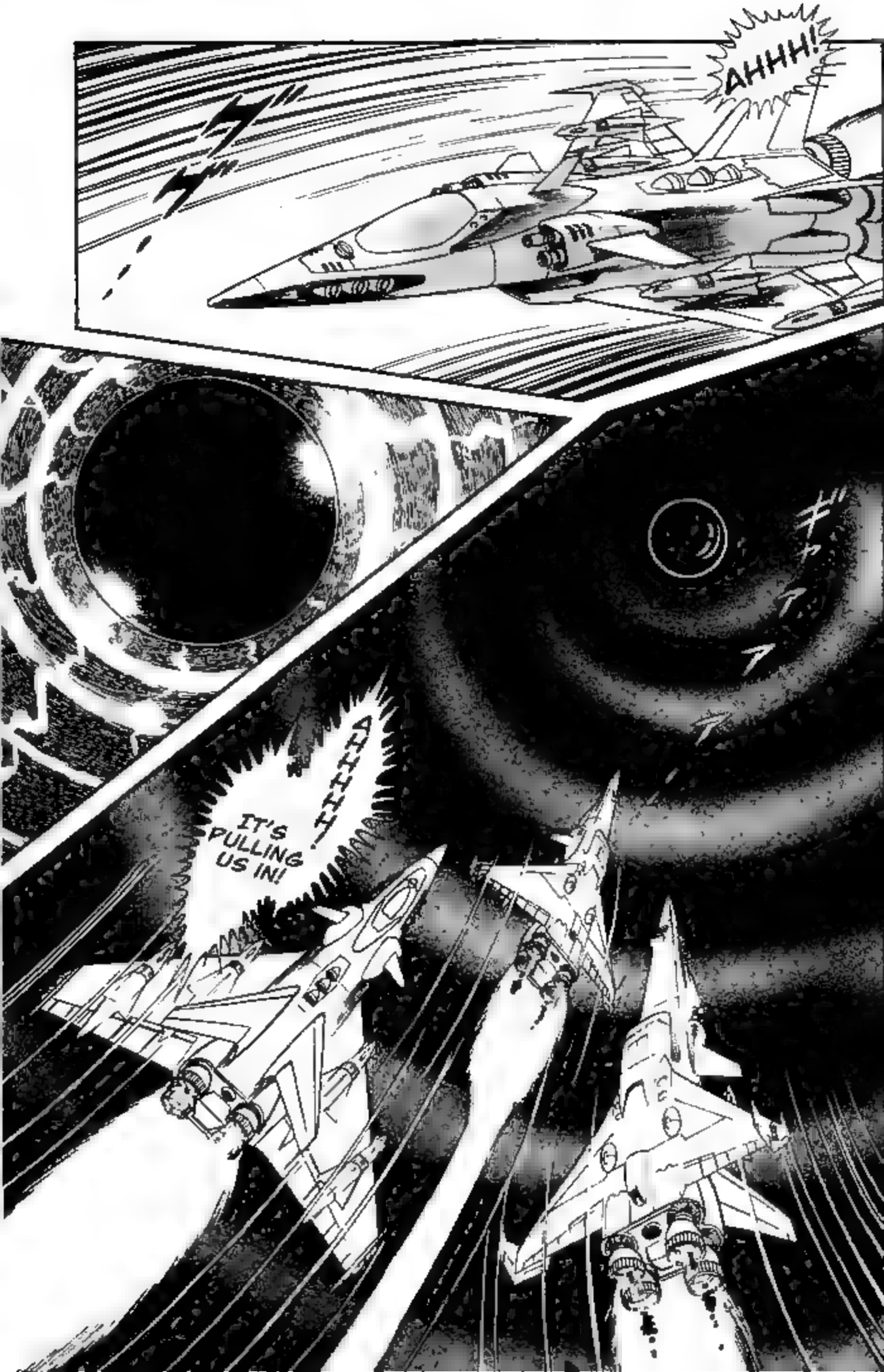

AHHH!
IT'S PULLING US IN!
AHHH!

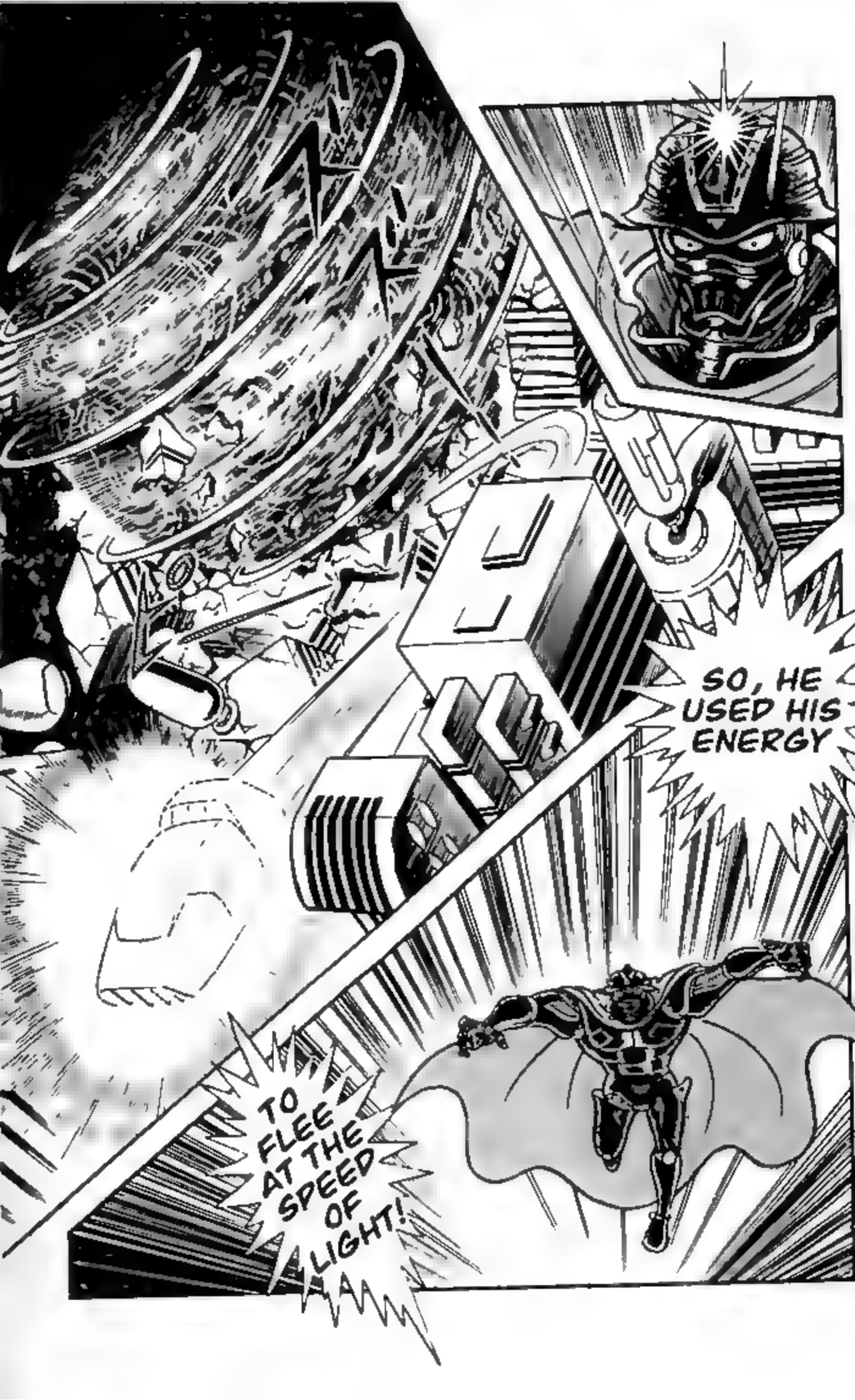
WAAAAAUGH!!

WAHA HAHA HAHA!
THAT IS A MINIATURE STAR FORGED WITHIN MY BODY, WITH A DENSITY SEVERAL TIMES THAT OF EARTH!

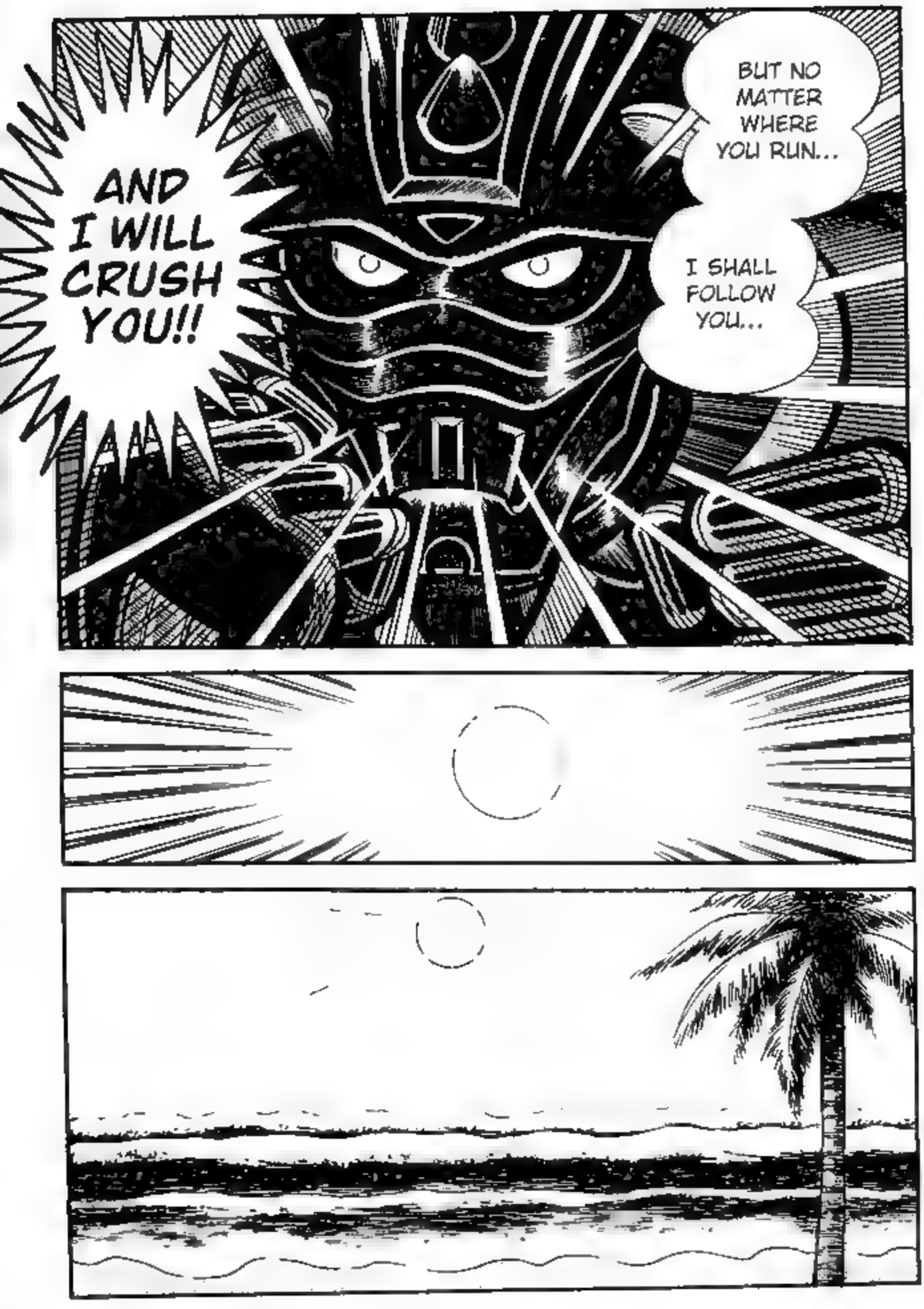
THUS, ITS GRAVITIC FORCE IS TEN TIMES THAT OF EARTH!

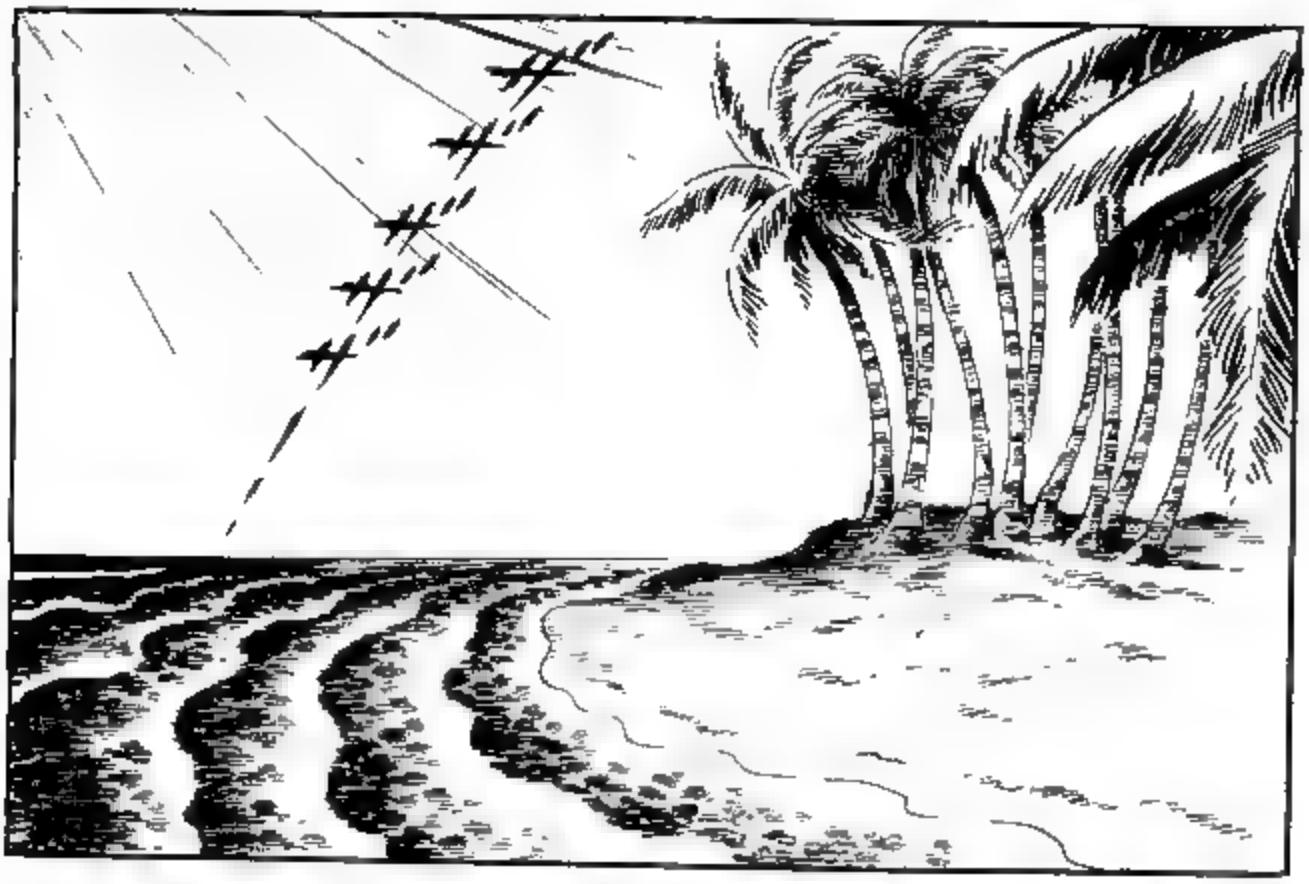
HUH!?
DOJI! YOU SHALL BE CRUSHED BY MY STAR!
HERE IT COMES!!

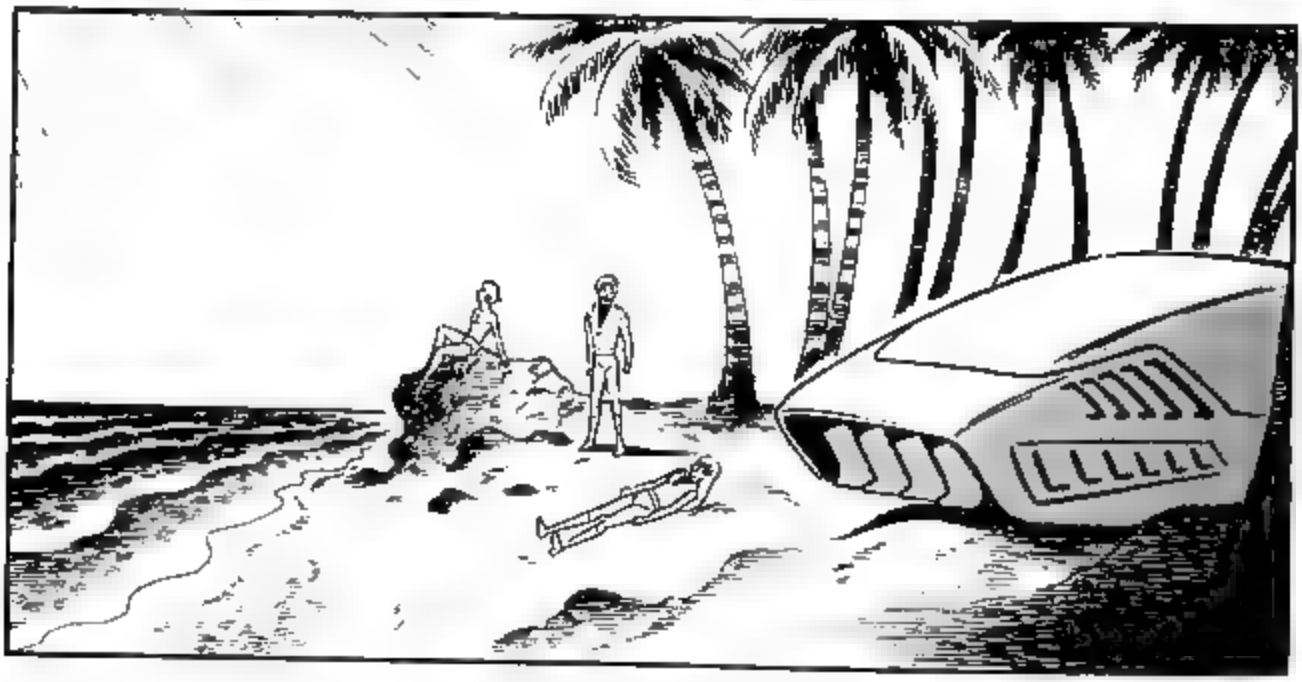
I-IT'S NO USE! WE'RE NOT GONNA MAKE IT!


SO, HE USED HIS ENERGY
TO FLEE AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT!

DAMN YOU!!
HOW DARE YOU FLEE FROM ME, YOU COWARD!


AND I WILL CRUSH YOU!!
BUT NO MATTER WHERE YOU RUN...
I SHALL FOLLOW YOU...



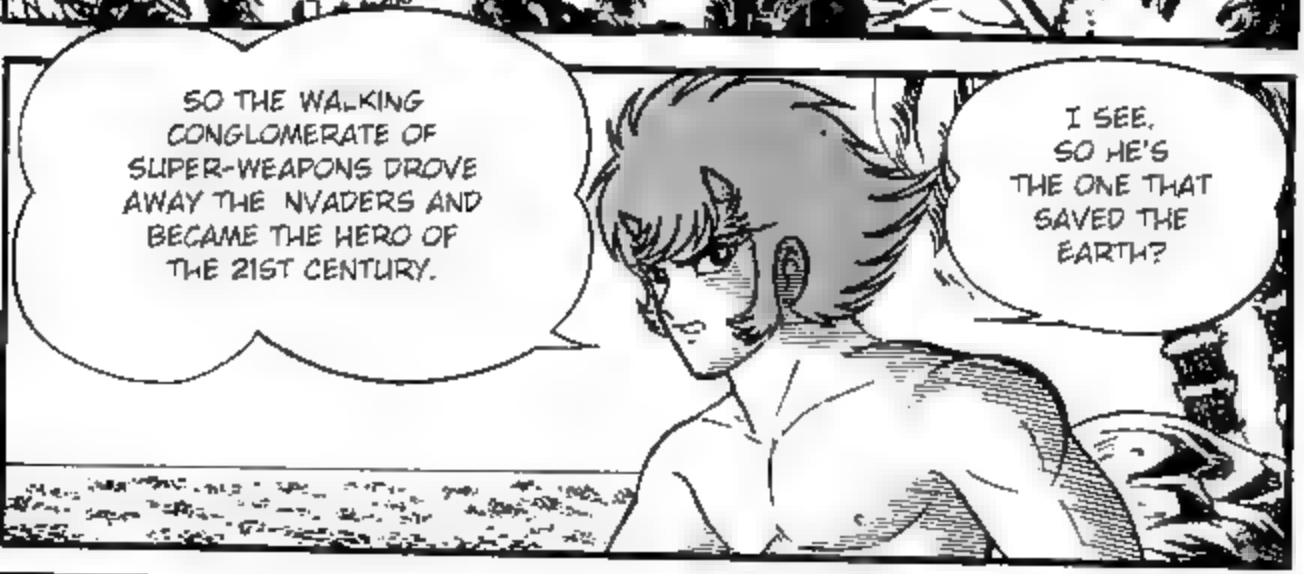


I DON'T BELIEVE IT! WE MADE IT ALL THIS WAY IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!

I USED ALL THE ENERGY I HAD WITH N ME TO TRANSPORT US FROM NORTH AMERICA TO AN SLAND IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE
IF I'D USED ANY MORE ENERGY...
I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE FADED AWAY.
I'VE USED UP ALL OF THE ENERGY THAT I ABSORBED DURNG MY CENTURY IN SPACE.
I COULD HAVE WIPED OUT THAT CYBORG IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE.
IF I HAD THE COSMIC ENERGY THAT I DID BACK THEN,
I CAN'T HOPE TO FIGHT HIM UNLESS I ABSORB ALL THE SOLAR RAYS THAT I CAN.

IT WOULD'VE BEEN UNTHINKABLE FOR ONE INDIVIDUAL TO AMASS AN ARSENAL LIKE THAT IN MY TIME.
BUT HOW CAN A WALKING MASS OF SUPER-WEAPONS LIKE HIM EVEN EXIST...?
HE'S A HERO WHO SAVED THE EARTH!
HE'S LIKE OUR GUARDIAN DEITY!
HE'S A SPECIAL CASE!
CAN YOU TELL ME A LITTLE MORE ABOUT IRON KAISER?
WE NEVER IMAGINED THAT HE WOULD DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS

IN 2087, THERE WAS AN EXTRATERRES-TRIAL INVASION OF EARTH.


SO THE WALKING CONGLOMERATE OF SUPER-WEAPONS DROVE AWAY THE NVADERS AND BECAME THE HERO OF THE 21ST CENTURY.
I SEE. SO HE'S THE ONE THAT SAVED THE EARTH?

IT SEEMS THAT IRON KA SER HAS CONTINUED TO REBUILD HIMSELF TO BE EVEN STRONGER.

AND ALLOWED HIM TO POSSESS AND USE ANY AND ALL KINDS OF SUPER-WEAPONS.
EXACTLY. THE WORLD GOVERNMENT APPROVED OF HIM.

KAISER'S BODY IS CAPABLE OF CONVERTING ALL MATTER INTO ENERGY, AND STORING THAT ENERGY WITHIN HIMSELF.
AND KAISER'S BODY ITSELF IS A MATTER-PRODUCING FACTORY
HE CAN BREAK DOWN AND REASSEMBLE THE MATTER AT THE ATOMIC LEVEL, MEANING THAT HE CAN EVEN CREATE A HYDROGEN BOMB INSIDE OF HIM.
THAT'S INCREDIBLE...
AND I HAVE TO FIGHT THAT MONSTER?
NOTHING ON EARTH CAN STOP IRON KAISER.

SO WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
THAT'S THE REASON I CAME.
NO, I'D RATHER YOU DIDN'T FIGHT HIM.
SO...
IF YOU AND KAISER FIGHT, THE DAMAGE WILL BE IMMEASURABLE.
I WANT YOU TO ESCAPE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
THE PLACE YOU'RE TRYING TO GO TO BEGIN WITH.
NO. SOMEWHERE THAT KAISER WILL NEVER REACH YOU.
IN OTHER WORDS ...
BACK INTO SPACE?

BUT IF KAISER FOLLOWED ME THERE,
WOULDN'T HE CHANGE HISTORY?

BACK IN TIME... TO THE DISTANT PAST!

?
YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN USE IT.
THE TIME MACHINE S IMPERFECT.
NO. KAISER WON'T BE ABLE TO FOLLOW YOU.

LET'S GO, BEFORE IRON KAISER CATCHES ON!

WHY AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN USE IT? I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU SEE THE TIME MACHINE.

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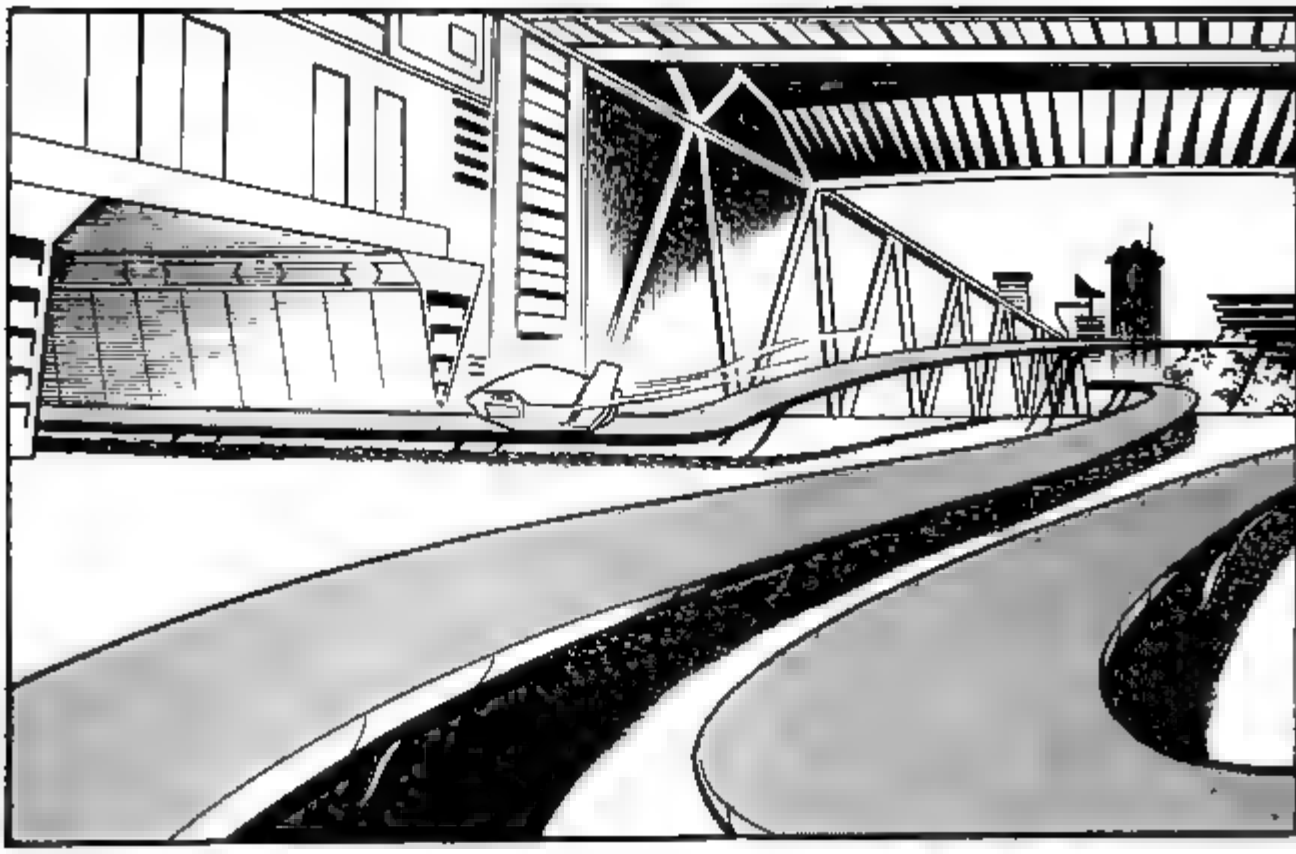
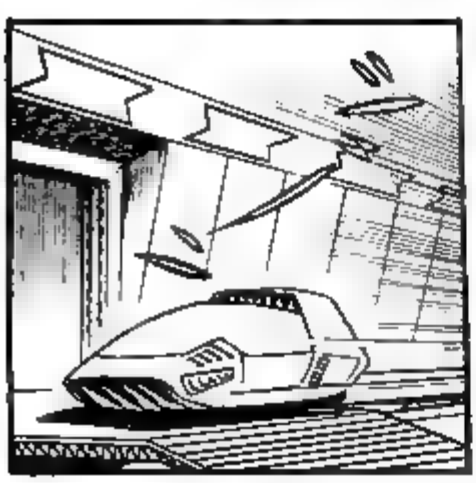
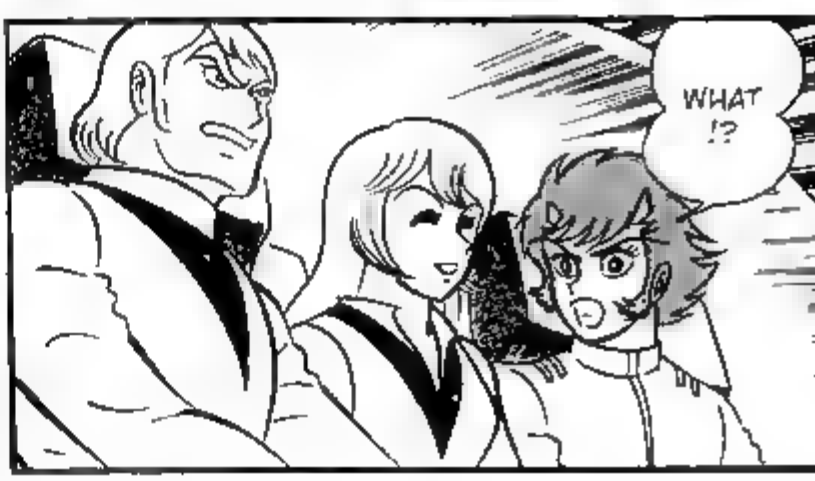


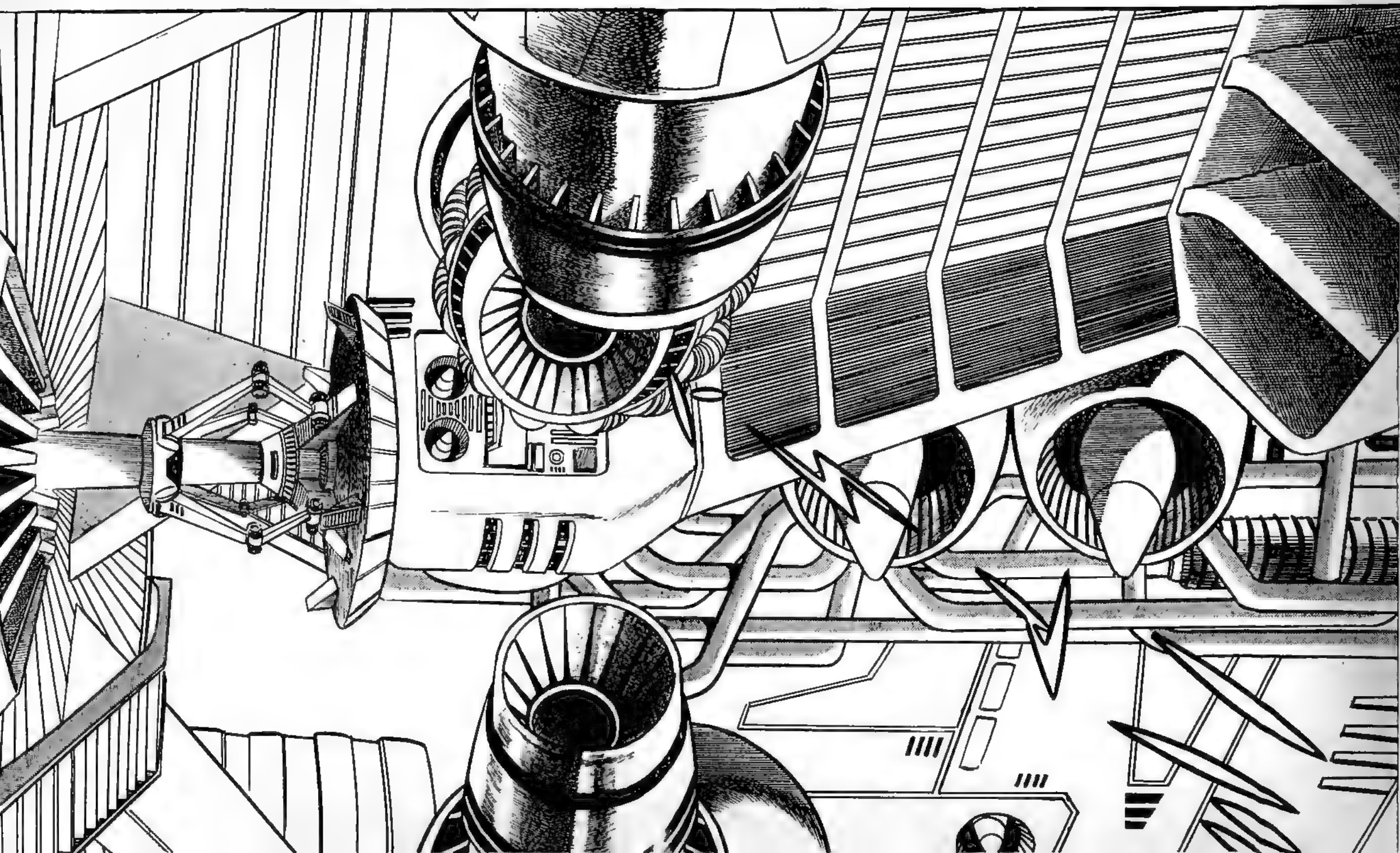
MOST OF IT IS FOR THE TIME MACHINE.
THIS IS A HUGE LABO-RATORY!

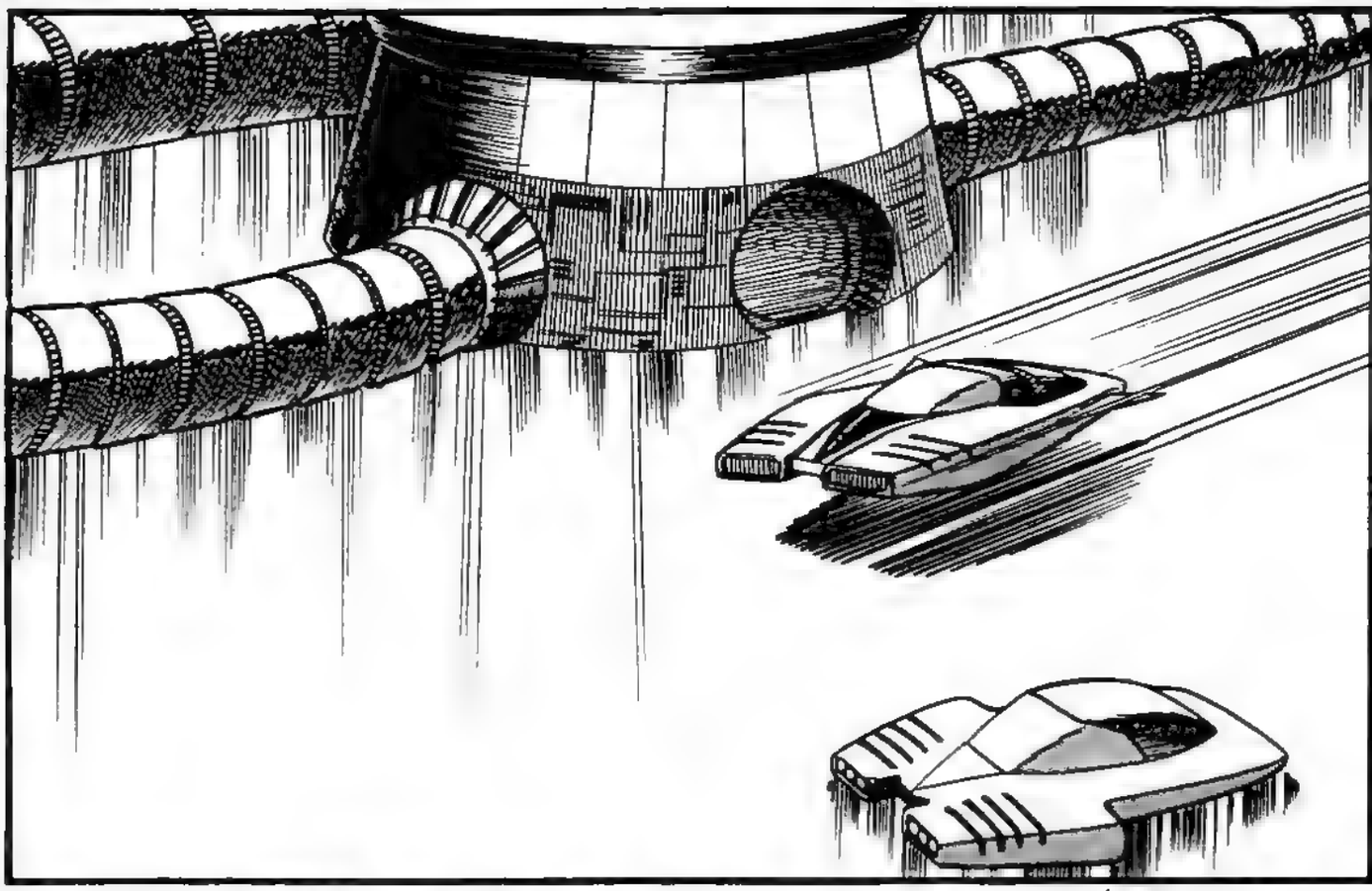


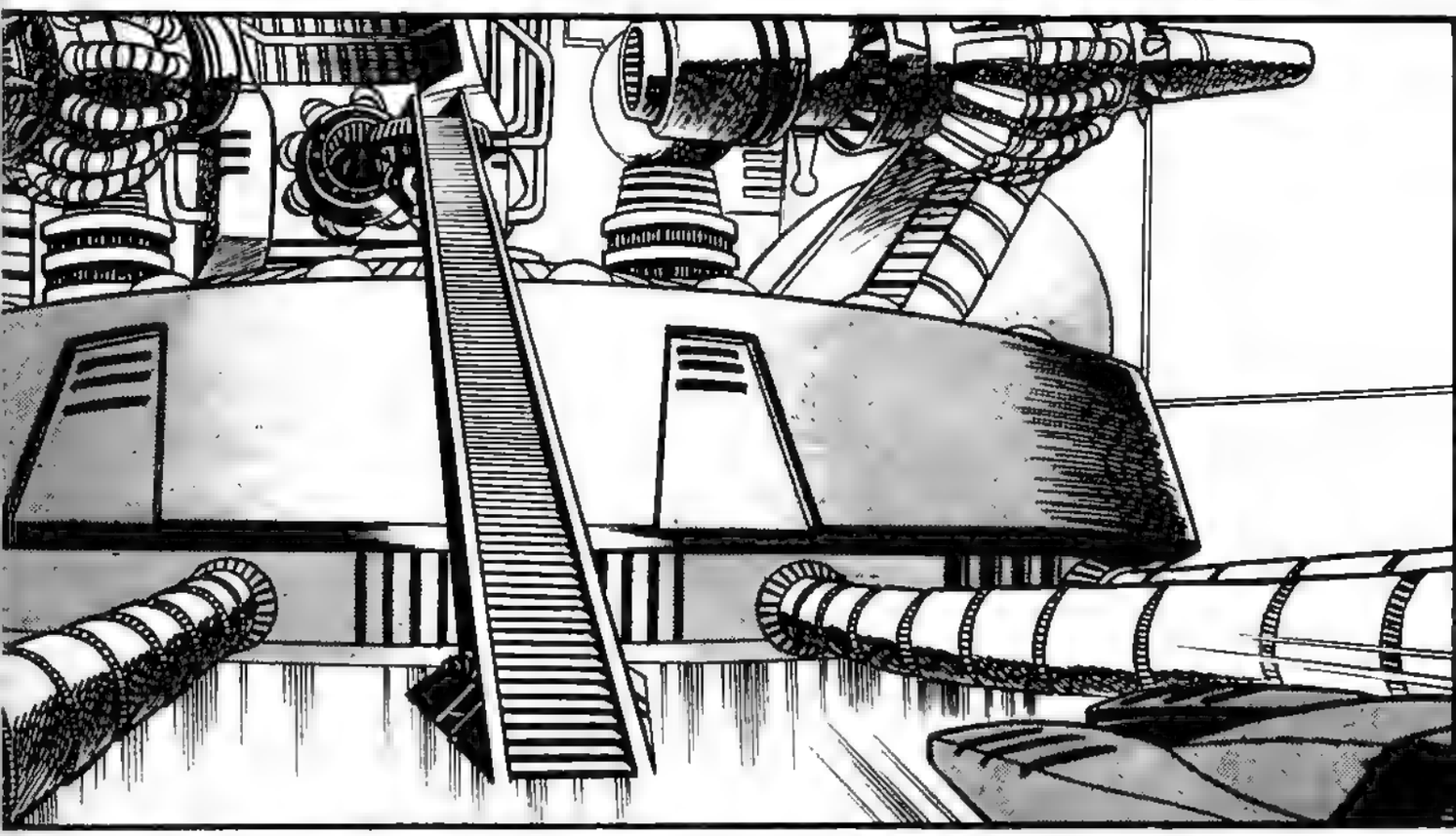

WHAT !?

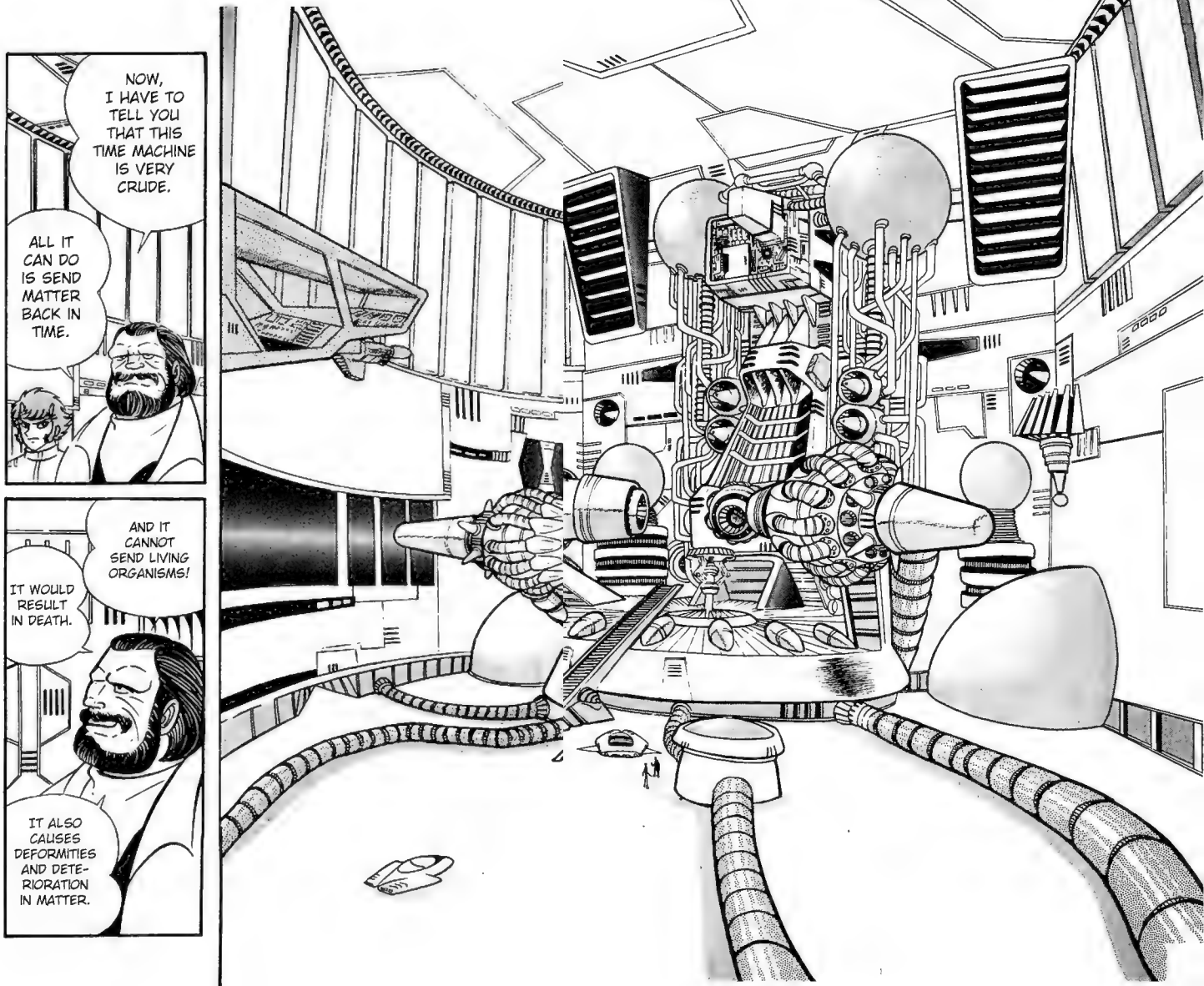
OHH!
SHUTENDO!
PROFESSOR! I BROUGHT HIM HERE!
PROFESSOR
I WAS LUCKY THAT I CAME STRAIGHT HERE FROM THE SPACEPORT.
YES, I WAS VERY LUCKY...
I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU SAFE, PROFESSOR
BUT I SENT MY ASSISTANT TO GET YOU AS SOON AS I HEARD YOU WERE SAFE!
I WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR WHAT HAPPENED AT THE SPACEPORT,
I WAS JUST THRILLED AT THE THOUGHT OF CONDUCTING A TIME-TRAVEL EXPERIMENT WITH YOU.
IRON KAISER IS A MONSTER! WE MUST MAKE HASTE!

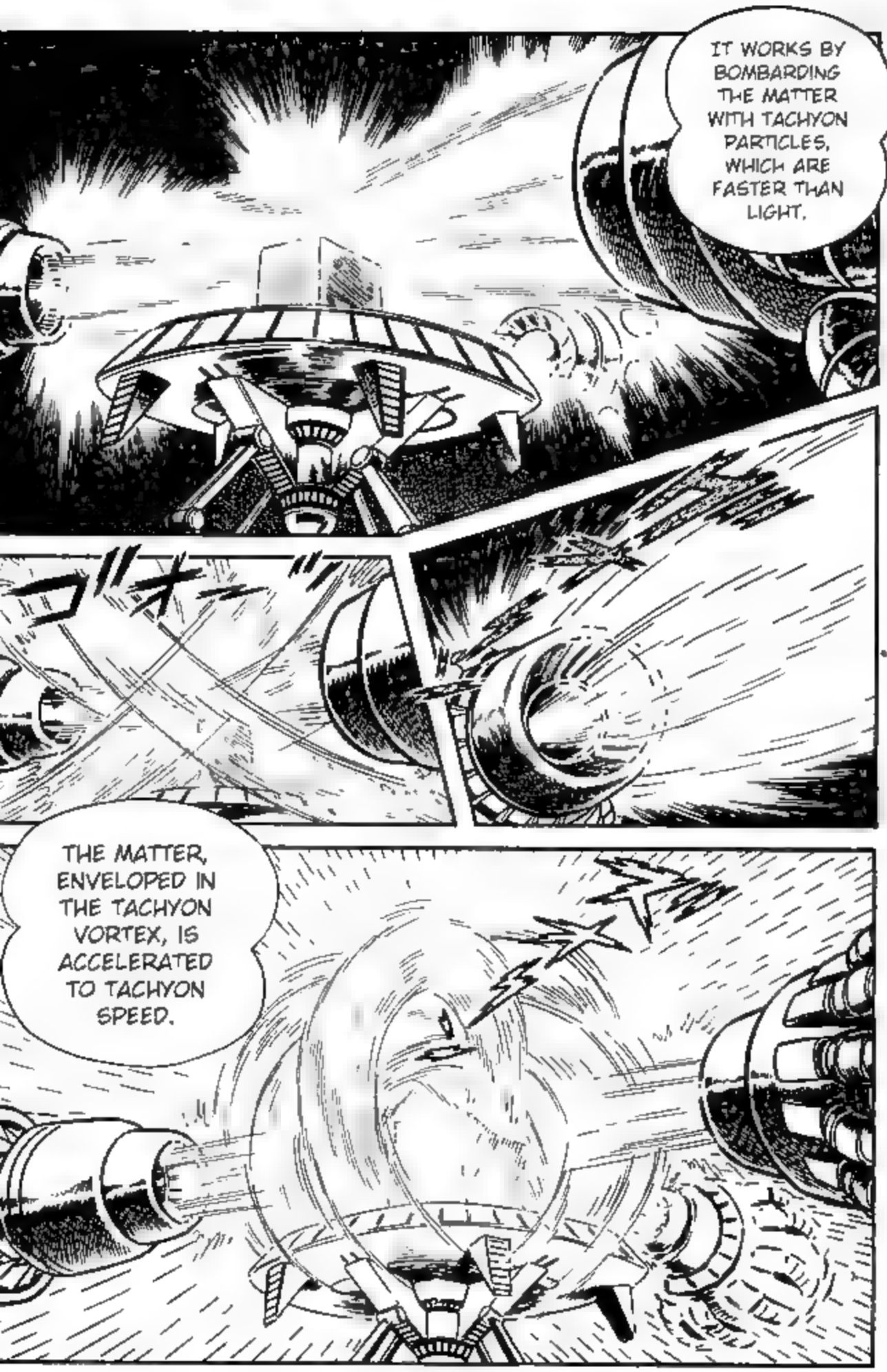
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN USE THIS MACHINE.
SO WE HAVE TO SEND YOU TO THE PAST BEFORE HE DOES!
HE'LL PROBABLY FIND US HERE SOONER OR LATER.
TO A WORLD WHERE HE CAN NEVER REACH YOU!
COME WITH ME. I'LL SHOW YOU THE TIME MACHINE.
WOW!
THIS IS THE TIME MACHINE, SHUTENDO.








NOW, I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT THIS TIME MACHINE IS VERY CRUDE.
ALL IT CAN DO IS SEND MATTER BACK IN TIME.
AND IT CANNOT SEND LIVING ORGANISMS!
IT WOULD RESULT IN DEATH.
IT ALSO CAUSES DEFORMITIES AND DETE-RIORATION IN MATTER.


IT WORKS BY BOMBARDING THE MATTER WITH TACHYON PARTICLES, WHICH ARE FASTER THAN LIGHT.
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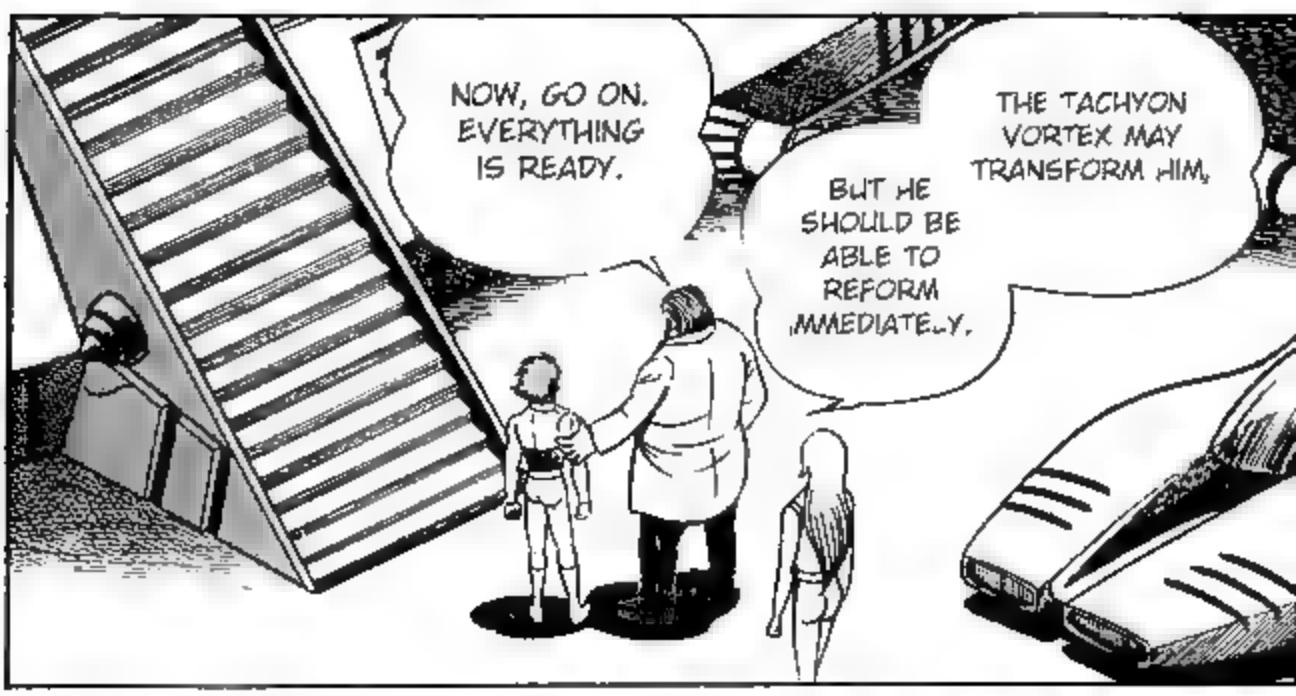
THE MATTER, ENVELOPED IN THE TACHYON VORTEX, IS ACCELERATED TO TACHYON SPEED.

IT EXCEEDS THE SPEED OF LIGHT...
AND GOES BACK TO THE PAST!

IF A LIVING ORGANISM WERE BOMBARDED BY TACHYONS, IT WOULD DESTROY THEIR TISSUE...
NOW YOU CAN SEE WHY I CALLED IT CRUDE, NO?
WE CAN CONTROL HOW FAR BACK IN THE PAST IT GOES BY CALCULATING THE QUANTITY OF TACHYONS AND THE MASS OF THE OBJECT.
THE HIGHER THE TACHYON QUANTITY, THE FURTHER BACK THE MATTER IS SENT!
CHANGING THE MATTER'S ELEMENT ITSELF.
THEY CAN KNOCK PROTONS AND NEUTRONS OUT OF THE NUCLEUS,
THEY CAN EVEN CHANGE MATTER AT THE ATOMIC LEVEL.
IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'D DIE.

SHUTENDO IS FORMED ENTIRELY OF PHOTONIC ENERGY.
HE IS AN ENERGY BODY WITH A MIND.

BUT YOU'RE SAYING IT STILL WOULDN'T BE DANGEROUS FOR JIRO?
PROB-ABLY NOT

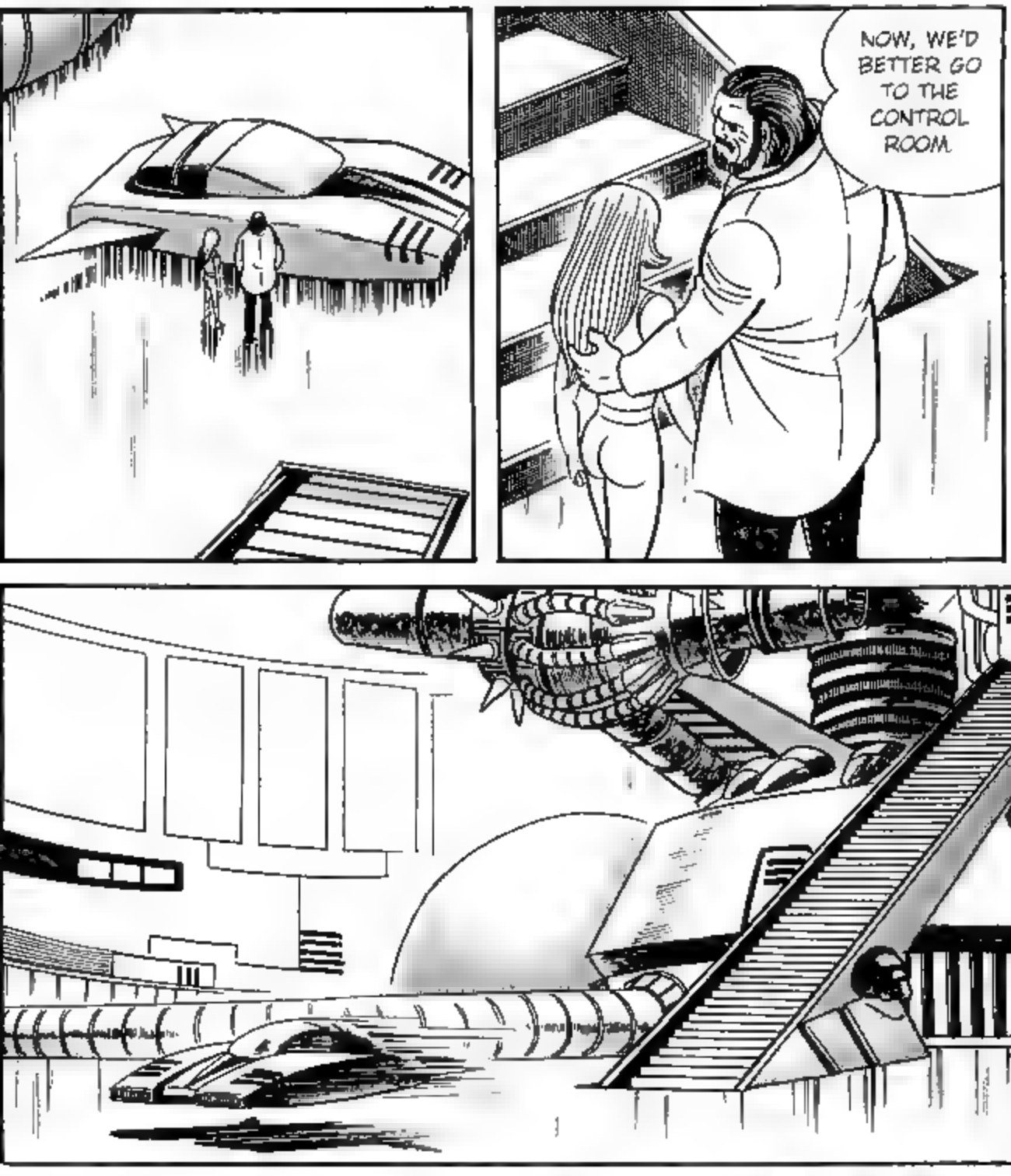

NOW, GO ON. EVERYTHING IS READY.
BUT HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO REFORM IMMEDIATELY.
THE TACHYON VORTEX MAY TRANSFORM HIM.

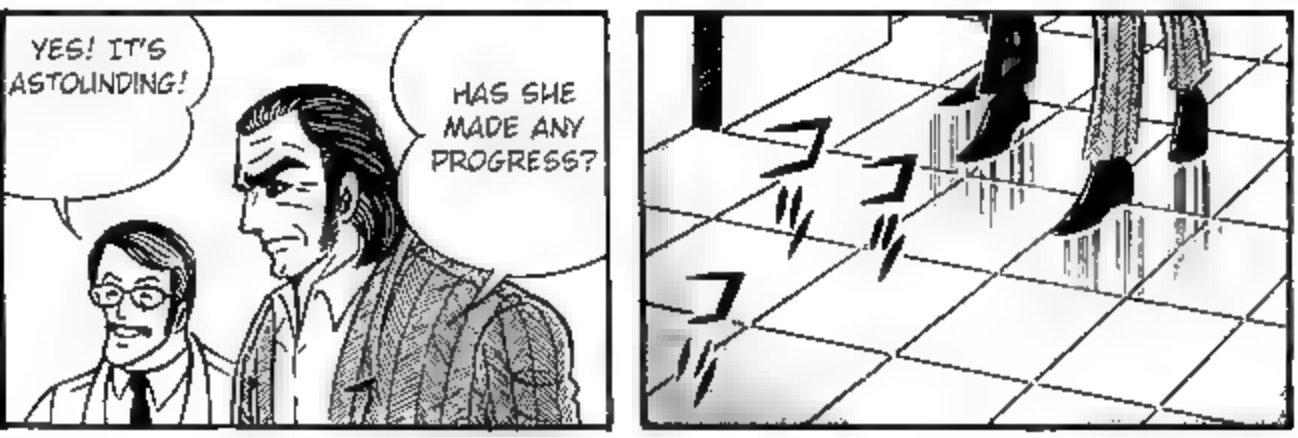
BUT BY THE TIME YOU WAKE UP,
DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING YOU MAY LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS TEMPORARILY.

RIGHT
ALRIGHT, PROFESSOR. PLEASE, GO AHEAD.

YES!
AND THAT'S WHERE YOU'LL FIND THE PERSON YOU SEEK!
YOU'LL BE IN THE HEIAN PERIOD!
GOOD-BYE!
THANK YOU, LAURA!
YOU'VE REALLY DONE A LOT FOR ME!
GOODBYE, JIRO. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL FIND ALL THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ONE DAY.

JIRO!
...
GOODBYE
GOODBYE JIRO...


NOW, WE'D BETTER GO TO THE CONTROL ROOM.


YES! IT'S ASTOUNDING!
HAS SHE MADE ANY PROGRESS?

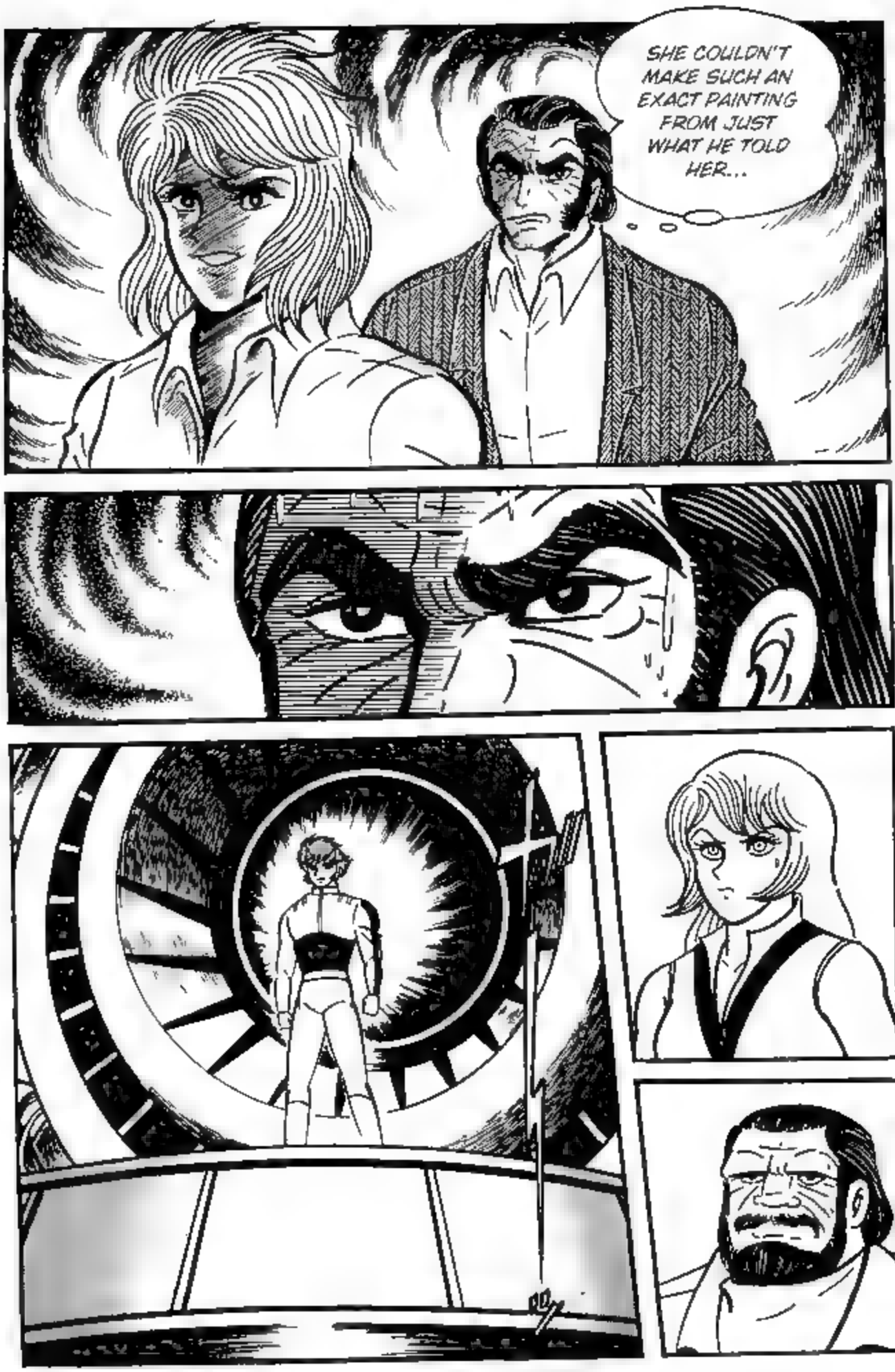
IS THAT SO?
I GUESS SHE'S RE-COVERING, THEN.
SHE HASN'T PAINTED A SINGLE DEMON SINCE.
SHE'S CHANGED DRAMATICALLY EVER SINCE YOU PA NTED THAT BABY.
HER PERSONALITY IS RETURN NG, LITTLE BY LITTLE.
NOW SHE SPENDS ALL OF HER DAYS LOOKING AT THE BABY.
SHE'S STOPPED HER CURSES TOWARDS THE DEMONS.
YES. I BELIEVE HER PROGNOS S S GETTING BETTER.
KYOKO!
I BELIEVE HER HUSBAND'S EN-COURAGEMENT WILL BE THE BEST MEDICINE WE CAN GIVE HER
PLEASE, TAKE YOUR TIME
THANK YOU.

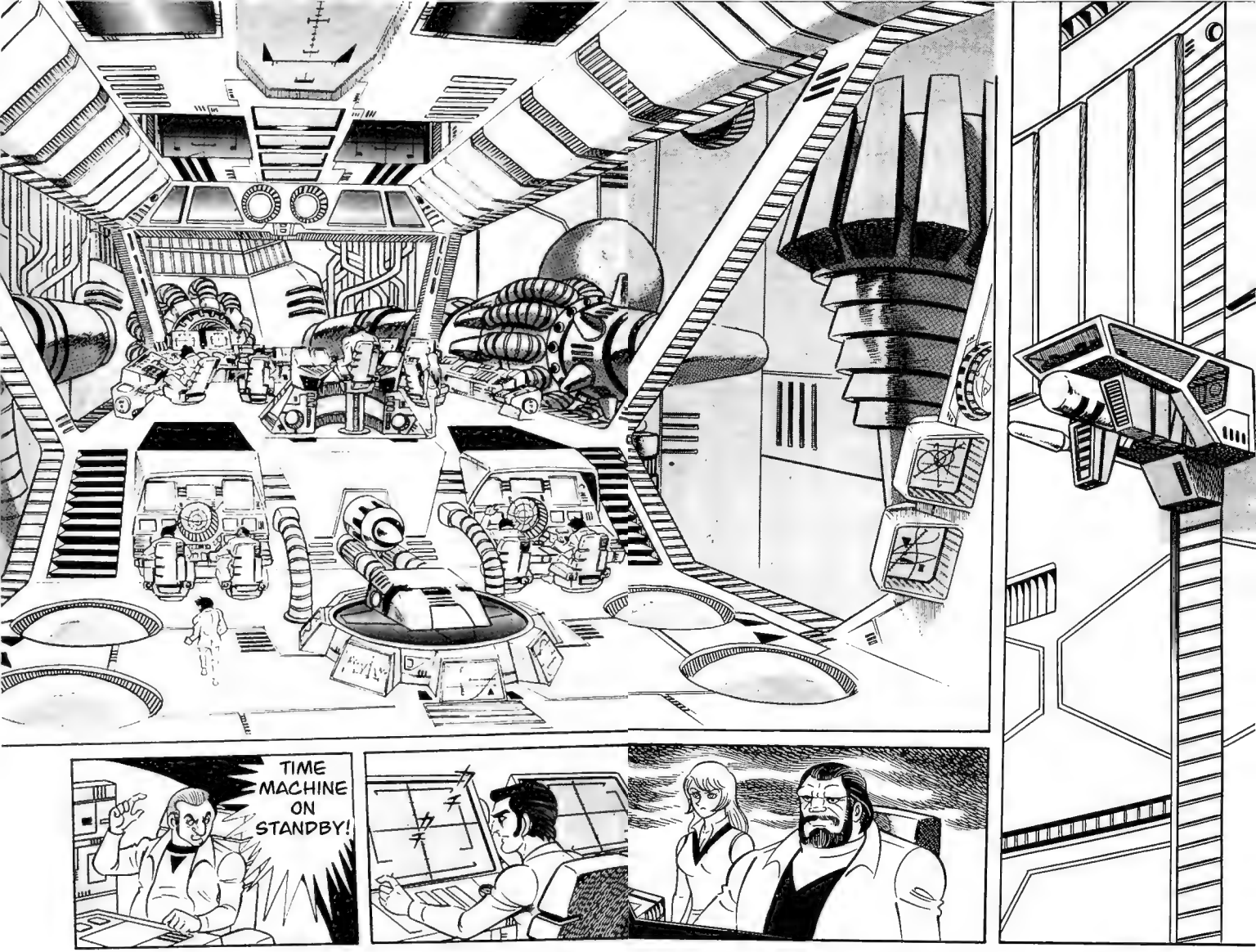
!
THIS CHILD...
IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DRAW THIS TIME?
HAVE YOU TAKEN UP THE BRUSH AGAIN?
AND ...?
WILL BE EATEN BY THE DEMONS...

HE NEEDS SOMEONE TO PROTECT HIM!
YES. THAT'S A GOOD IDEA.
OH, I SEE.
PAINT IT, KYOKO.
WELL, WELL
OH?
ISN'T THAT ME IN MY YOUTH?
NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT YOU'VE PAINTED...

HE NEEDS TO LOOK A LITTLE STRONGER, IF HE'S GOING TO BEAT THE DEMONS.
...
BUT THERE'S SOMETHING MISSING.
I SEE NOW. THIS MAN SURE WILL DO ANYTHING HE CAN TO PROTECT THE BABY.
H'''
!
!
GOKI
!?
I-IS THAT ...

A FEW HOURS LATER, KYOKO HAD PAINTED SENKI AND GOKI...
I CAN UNDERSTAND SENKI
BUT KYOKO'S NEVER SEEN GOKI BEFORE.
BUT SHE'S ONLY HEARD ABOUT HIM FROM JIRO


SHE COULDN'T MAKE SUCH AN EXACT PAINTING FROM JUST WHAT HE TOLD HER...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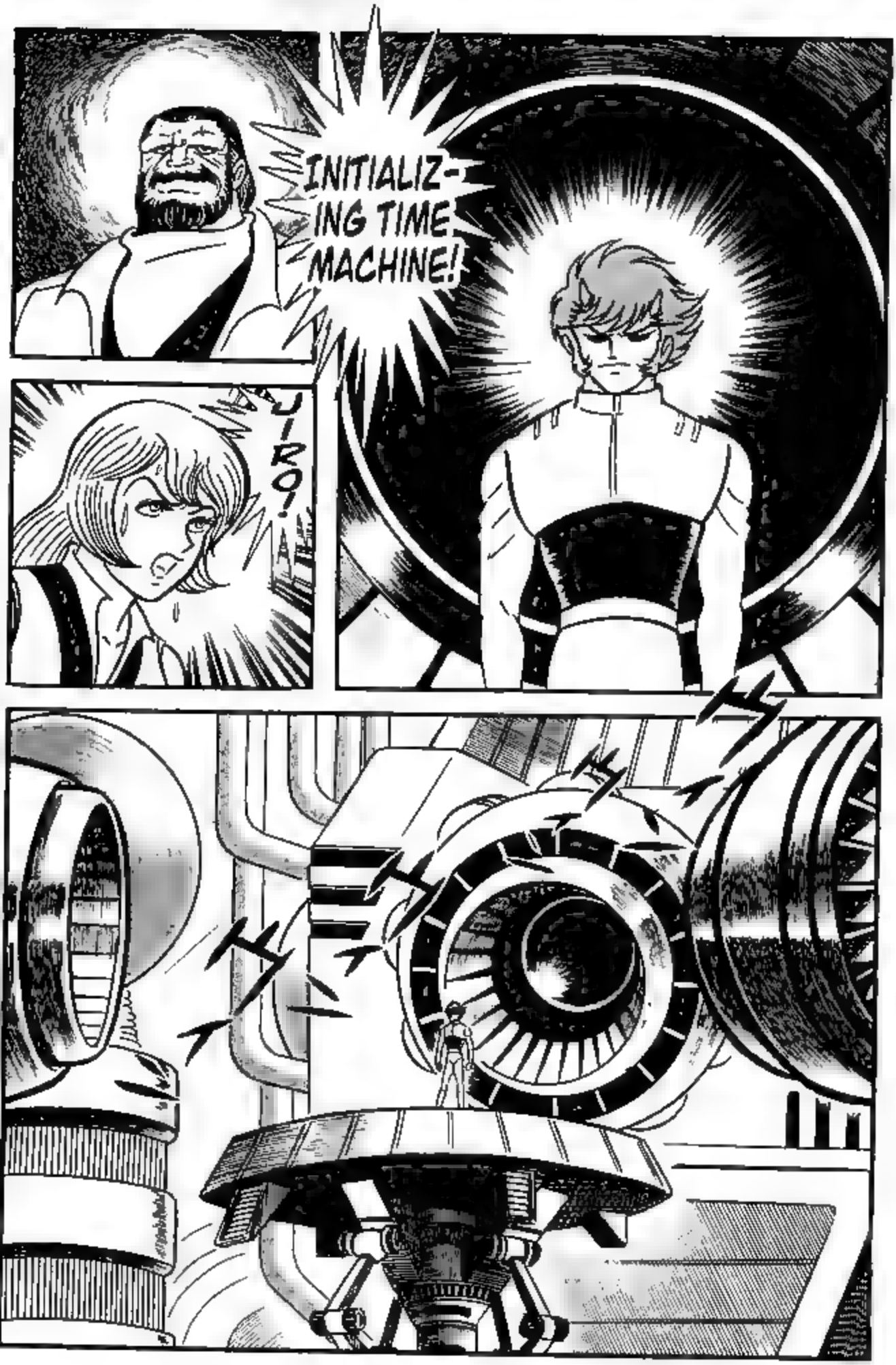
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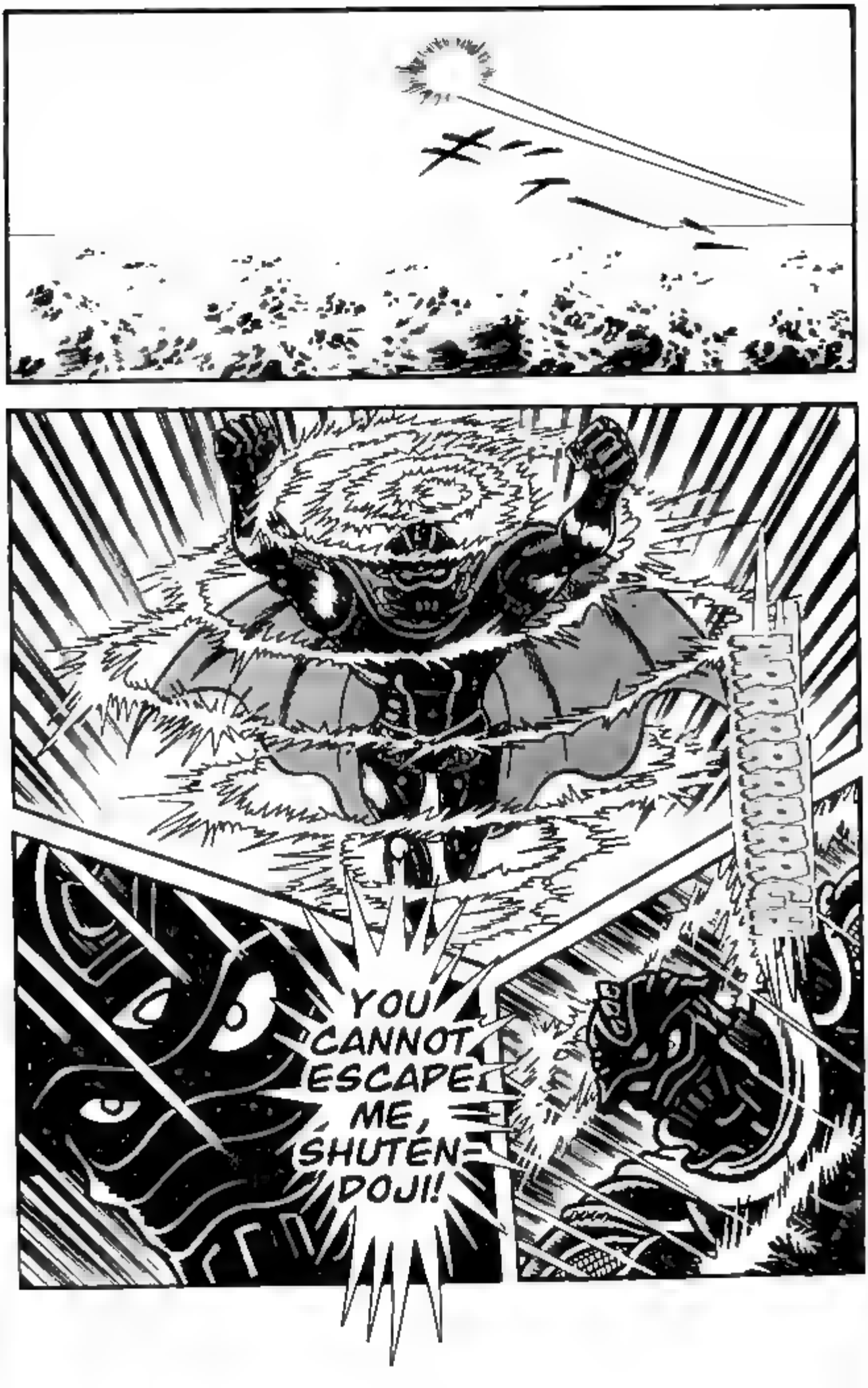
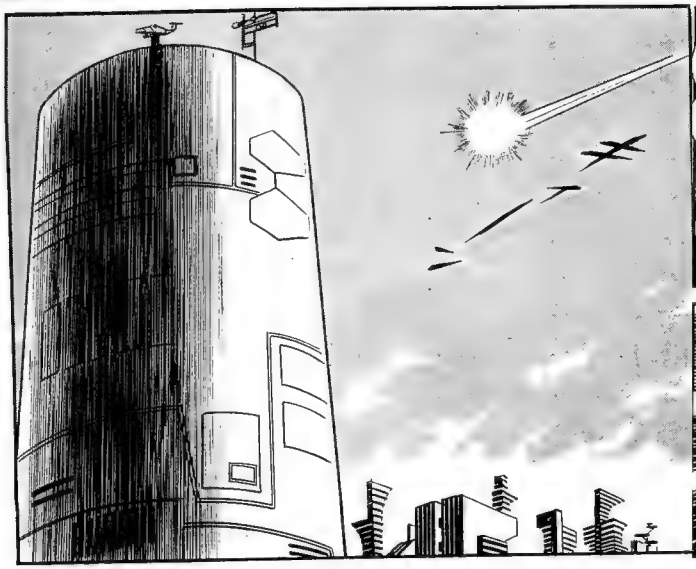
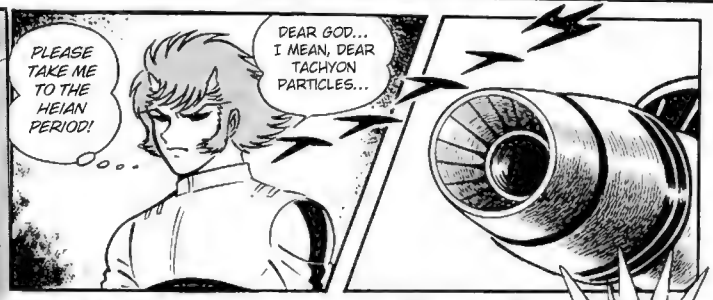
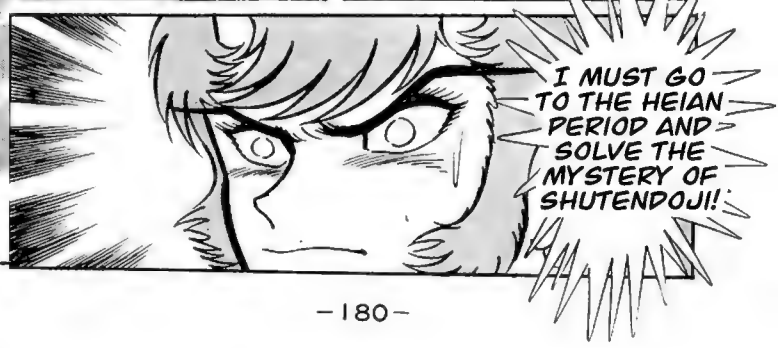

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE ME, SHUTEN-DOJI!

YOU SHALL NEVER ESCAPE ME!!



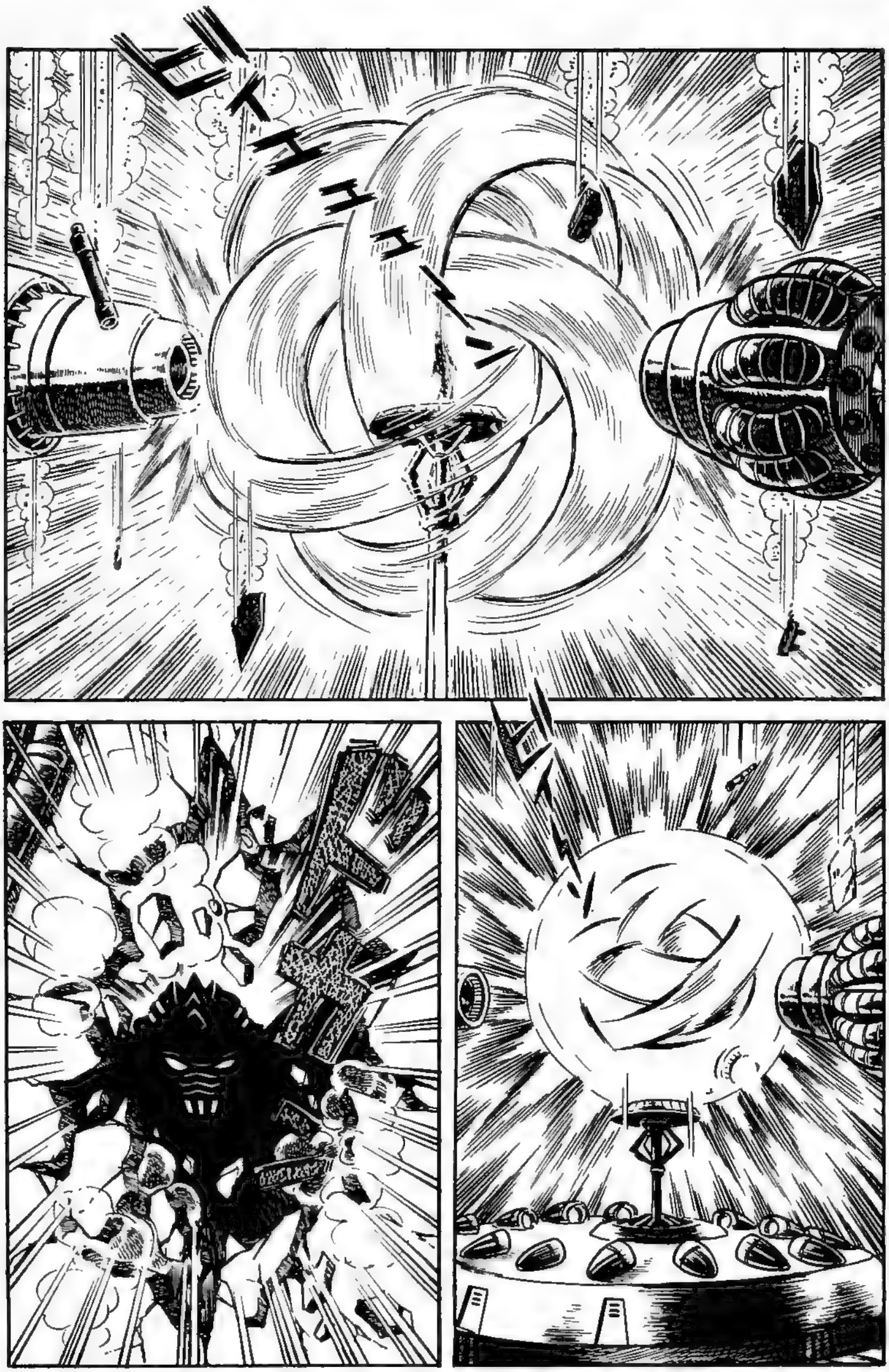

PLEASE TAKE ME TO THE HEIAN PERIOD!
DEAR GOD... I MEAN, DEAR TACHYON PARTICLES...


I MUST GO TO THE HEIAN PERIOD AND SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF SHUTENDOJI!

SHUTENDOJI!
I WILL NOT LET YOU FLEE TO THE PAST!

IRON KAISER'S HERE!
OH, NO!
ALRIGHT!
TACHYON PARTICLES ARE READY TO FIRE!
TACHYON PARTICLE ACCEL-ERATOR POWERED ON!

FIRE THE TACHYONS!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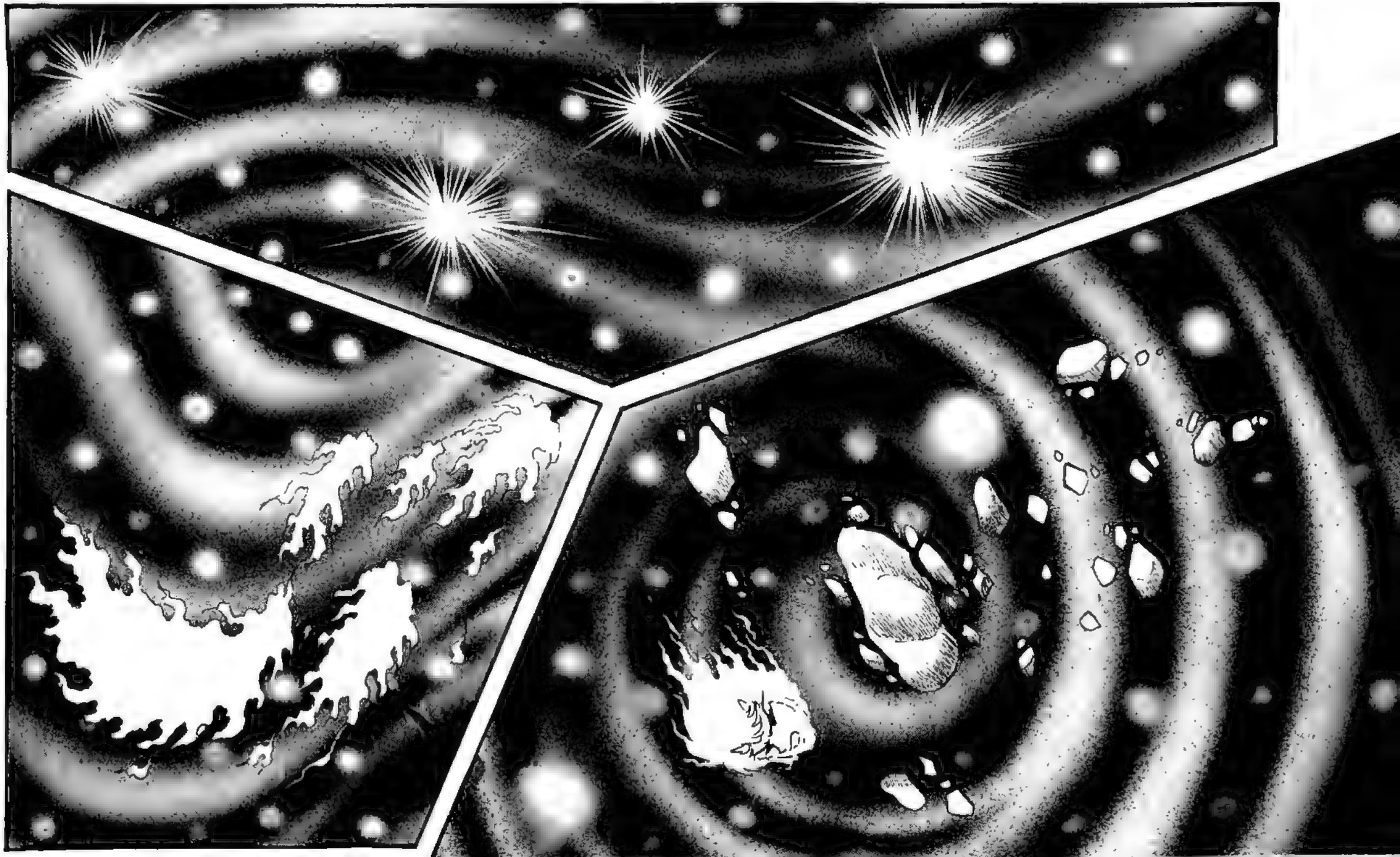
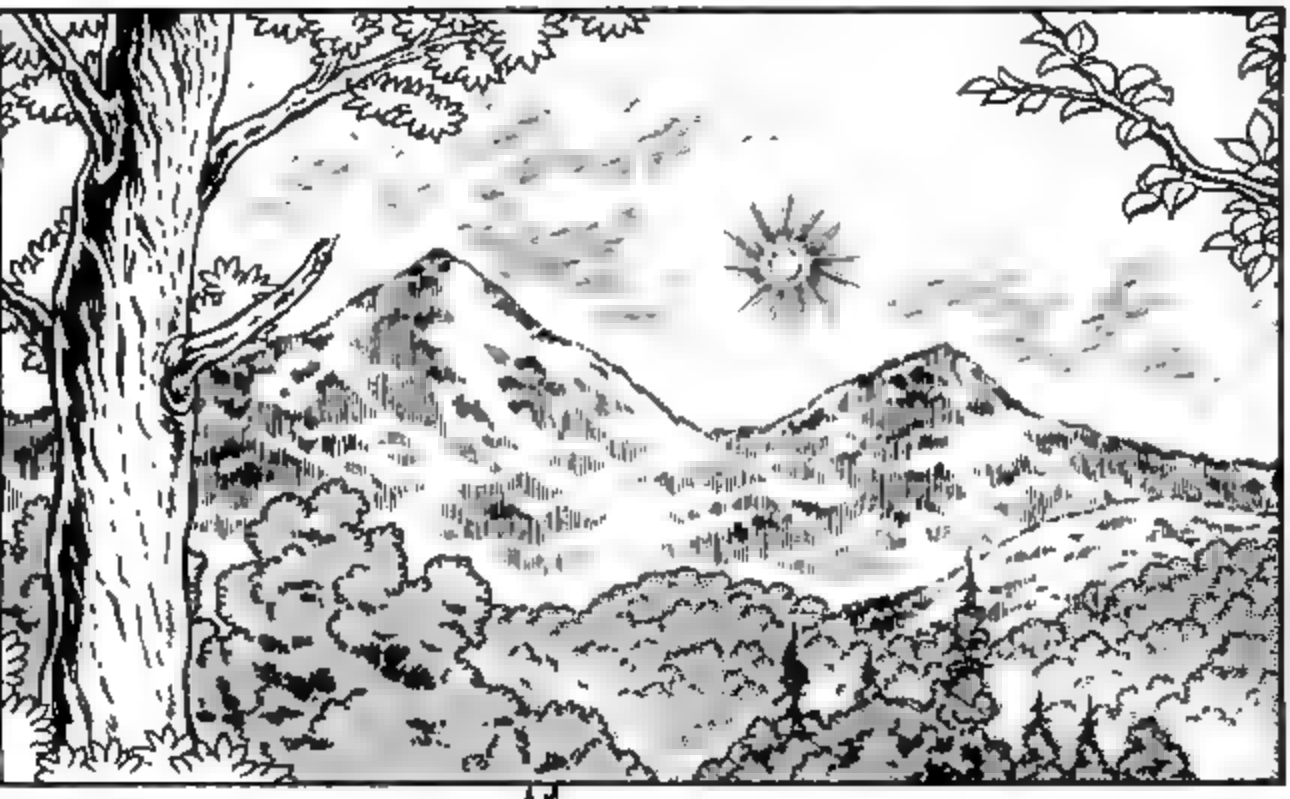
DAMN! I'M TOO LATE!

I SHALL TRAVEL THROUGH TIME MYSELF!
SHUTENDOJI! DO NOT THINK YOU CAN ESCAPE ME SO EASILY!
I SWEAR THAT I SHALL CROSS TIME AND MEET YOU AT MT. OE IN THE HEIAN PERIOD!
THIS ISN'T OVER, SHUTENDOJI!
THERE I SHALL AVENGE MY FATHER JAWANBO!





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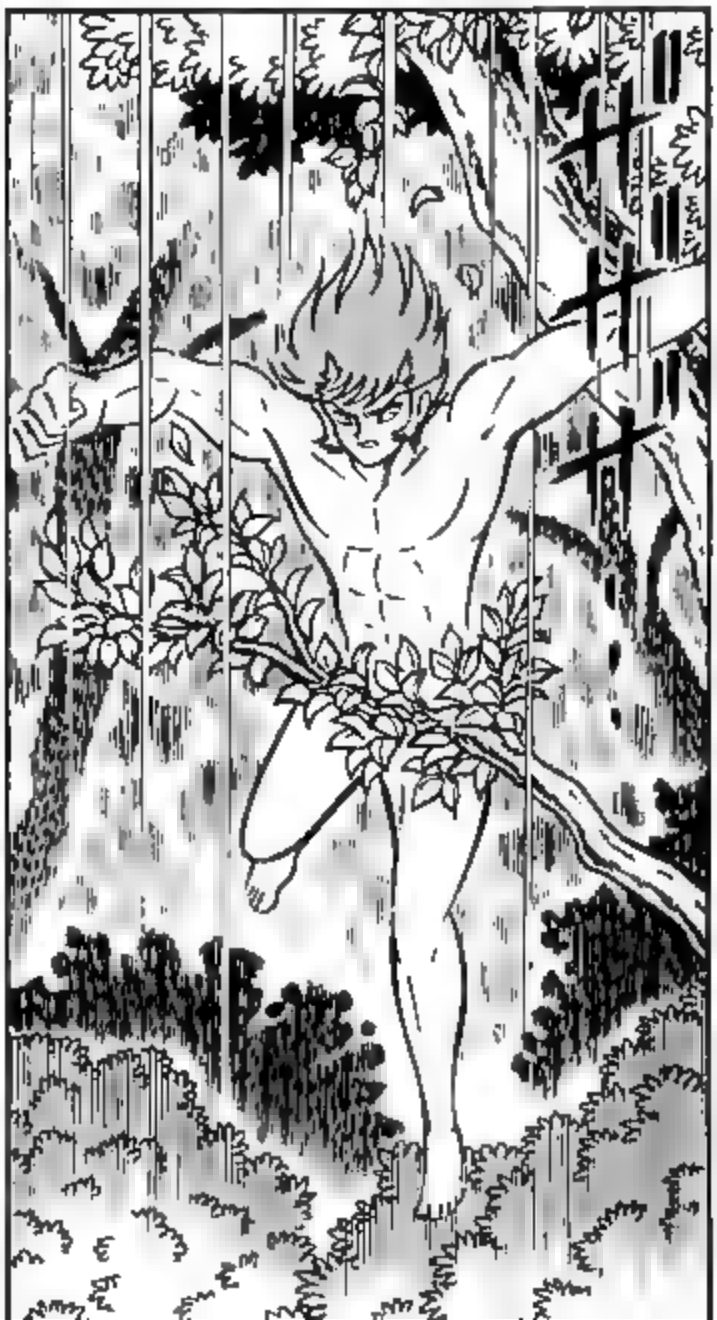

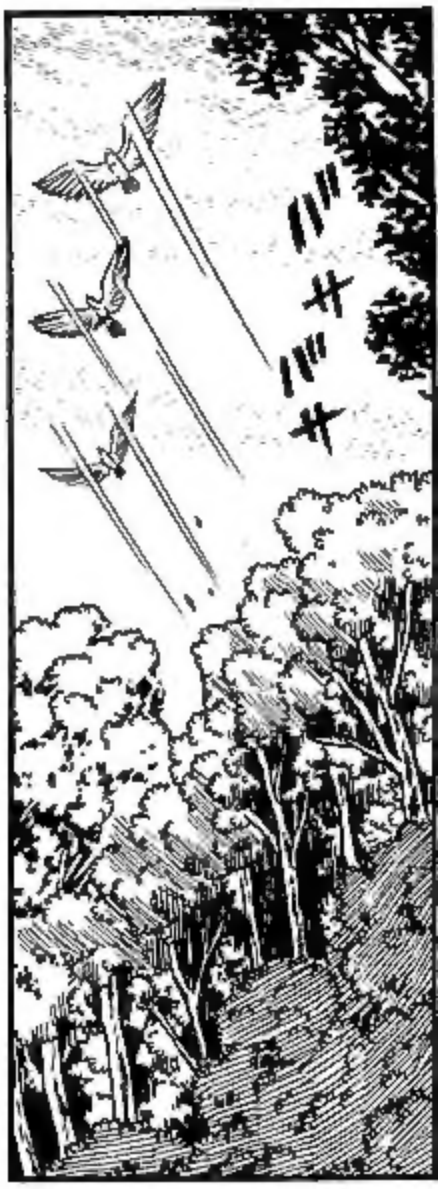

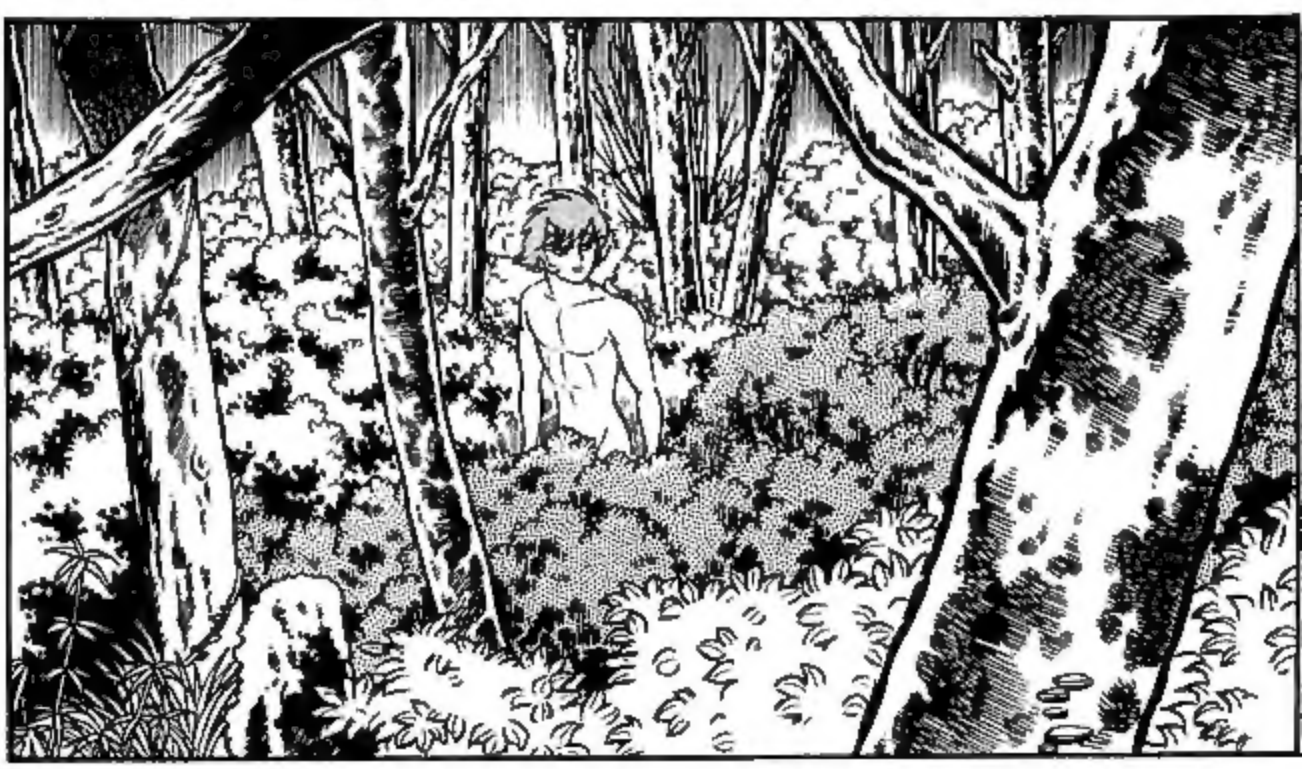

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